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*Welcome to Jacobs Field,***home of the Cleveland Indians and Baseball's Best Fans!**

The 2002 Major League Baseball season is sure to be both exciting and challenging as we continue to engineer the transition of our ballclub, while remaining competitive. We have high hopes of defending our American League Central Division title and returning to post-season play for the seventh time in the past eight years.

Under the guidance of General Manager Mark Shapiro, our transition is based on a planned strategy. Building a team, rather than a collection of individuals, with an emphasis on character, chemistry, and playing strong fundamental baseball — is at the center of our strategic plan.

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On behalf of the players and our entire front office staff, we thank you for your remarkable support. Together, as partners, we will continue the excitement and success of Indians Baseball in Cleveland.

Sincerely,



Larry Dolan
President and Chief Executive Officer



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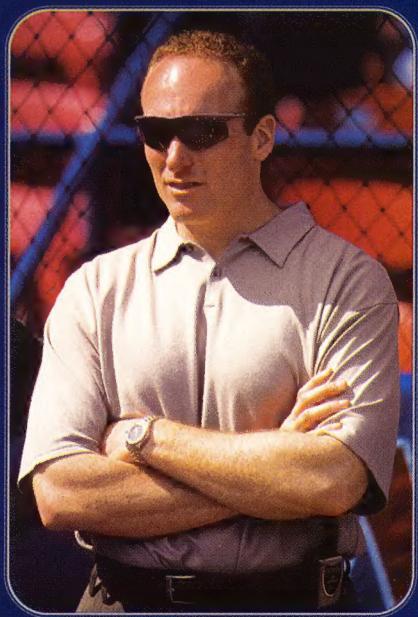


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HOT SEAT!

GENERAL MANAGER MARK SHAPIRO'S NEW ADMINISTRATION OFFERS PLENTY OF SUPPORT, BUT THE FINAL DECISION ON MOST ISSUES WILL BE HIS.

BY
JIM INGRAHAM

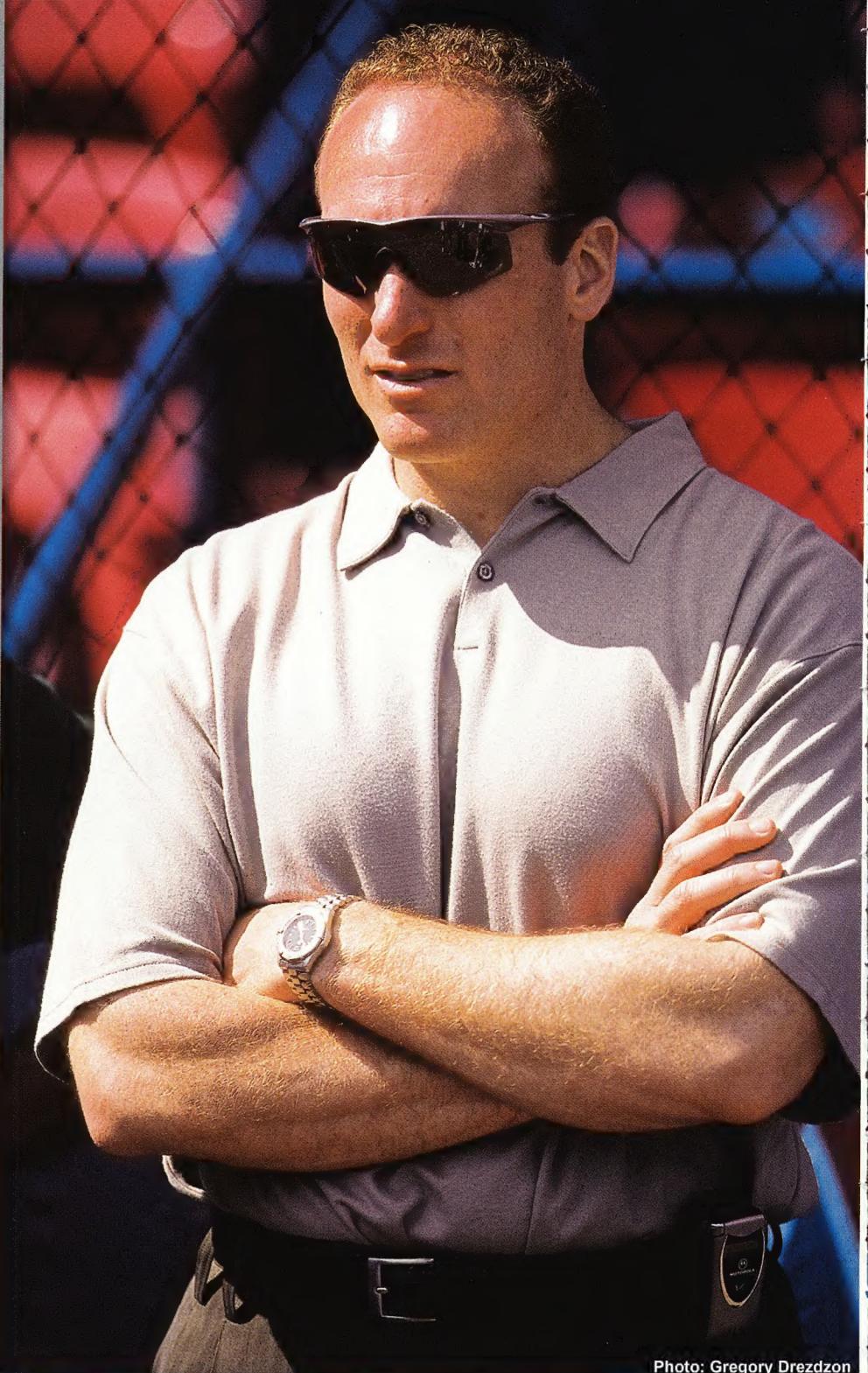


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At age 35, Mark Shapiro slides into one of the hottest seats in baseball this season: the General Manager's chair for the Cleveland Indians.

Shapiro is following an impressive 10-year run by John Hart, under whose direction the Indians won six division titles and two American League pennants.

Shapiro takes over as General Manager of the Indians at a crucial time in franchise history. In the following interview he discusses his vision for the Indians, gives his views on what a General Manager should be, and explains the roles of the individuals joining him in the Indians' revamped front office.

Q **Question:** How hard is it to try to rebuild a team while remaining a contender?

Answer: Transition is inevitable for all but about five teams in the Major Leagues. Why? Because players get older and at some point you've got to commit to finding some younger players. That's what transition is: finding younger players. You can let transition make itself more evident and more obvious, and to do that you're probably in for a more dramatic rebuilding process. Or you can make a preemptive move to try to avoid the rebuilding, which obviously signals to people before they might realize, that you are transitioning, and attempt to still contend and compete *while* you are transitioning.

We are trying to avoid rebuilding. We are not rebuilding. It may or may not be possible. It's a significant challenge. I feel, with a veteran infield and a veteran bullpen, we can break in two young outfielders and two high ceiling young starting pitchers—who are protected by a very, very strong and deep veteran bullpen. That's why we think we can contend.

Q: Did you think this would be a tough sell to the fans?

A: It's an impossible sell. It can't be sold. My message to the fans would be: You don't have to buy this completely. But maintain your love and your passion for the team. Be skeptical, but be interested. Watch the season unfold, but watch it from the seats (at the Ballpark), don't watch it from home.

Q: You've made a point of talking about and trying to find high character, high energy players. Was that always the goal, or is this just a convenient time to try to find those kinds of players, since you're cutting the payroll?

A: Every person waits for the opportunity to run his own organization, and when that time comes you have to set down what things are important to you in the decisions you make. From watching us play, observing our organization, watching other organizations, running the farm system here, and making decisions on Minor League players, it became apparent to me that when it came time to make decisions, we would factor that (the desire to add high-energy players of character) in, more prominently than we have in the past.

In this game you need to have talent first. But you can certainly make an effort to have talent and character in the same place. We've had options to do that in the past, and we haven't always done it.

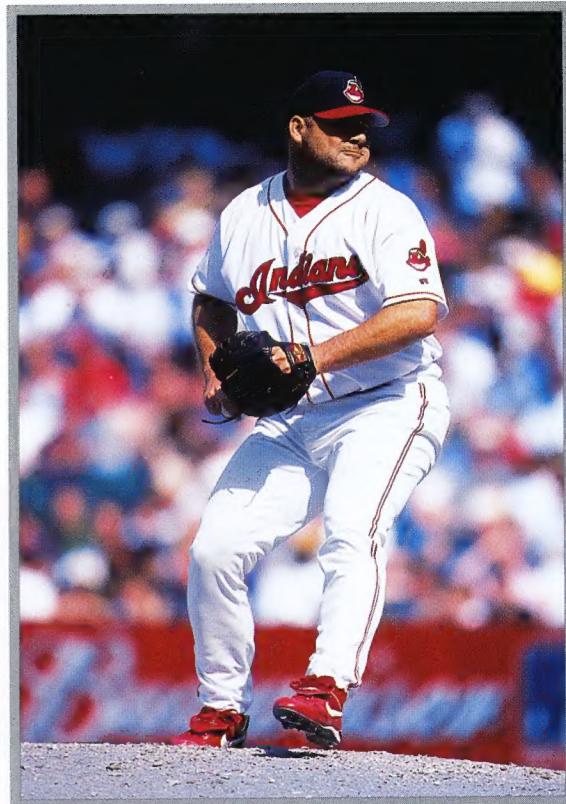
Q: So you really believe in that. You're not doing it just because this might be a good time to try it?

A: It's not just some sort of catch phrase to hide the fact that we're rebuilding. This is a long-term philosophy that I believe in. Bob Wickman has said to me a couple times already, "Gee, I hope we don't let you down." And I said to him, "Hey, Wick, you can't let me down. I know who you are as a person. If you get injured, that's not letting me down. If you blow five saves, you're not letting me down. Because I know how much you care. I know how much you want to do well. You've got a track record of success in this field. I know you'll control what you can control."

And, truthfully, that's all we can ask for. If guys fail, because they do fail a lot in this game, I still want to be able to sleep at night. The only way I feel comfortable and confident doing that, knowing all the risks inherent in this game, is knowing who they are as people.

Q: It seems like, when you signed C.C. Sabathia to that four-year deal, it was almost as much because of who he is as a person as it was for what he can do on the field.

A: Yes. Especially in long-term deals. Not on one-year deals. I'll bring in some guys on one-year deals that may not fit all



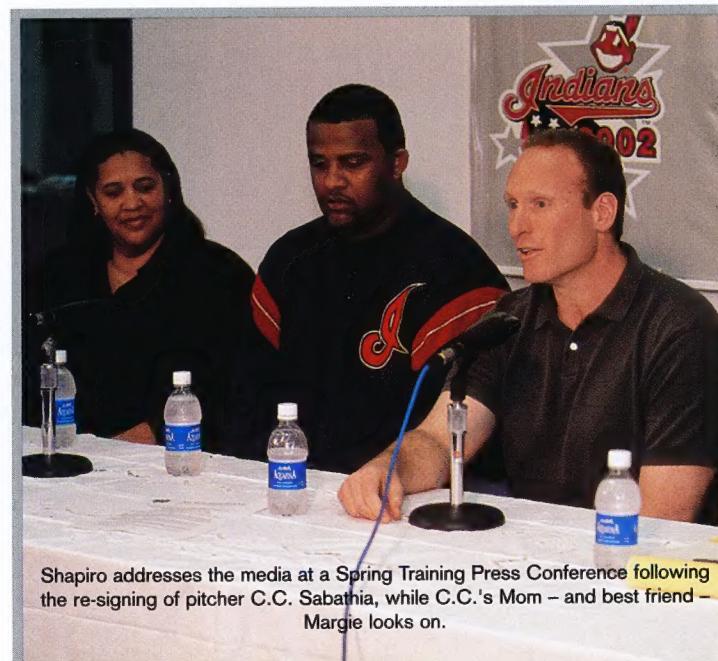
Tribe Closer, Bob Wickman

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of our criteria. But in long-term deals you need to find players who are driven to succeed by their own pride, not by monetary needs. Because the long-term security takes away some of the drive for money. So the players who have pride – guys like Matt Lawton, Ellis Burks, and Travis Fryman – who don't go out on the field because they want the end result, the trimmings that come with success and fame, the players who go out on the field because they love to compete and the players who take pride in doing the little things, base running, defense, their ability to move runners, as well as the things they get paid for. Those are the kinds of players I call "winning players." If you get a majority of those guys on your team, the other guys will conform, and your team plays to its potential. Now the question is: what is our potential if that happens?

Q: There are probably a lot of people who see the team as being at a point it hasn't been at since pre-1995. The payroll has been cut, and they are wondering what's next. Will the payroll eventually go back up? Where does the team go from here?

A: It will probably go up again over time. I know for a fact that two or three years down the road



Shapiro addresses the media at a Spring Training Press Conference following the re-signing of pitcher C.C. Sabathia, while C.C.'s Mom – and best friend – Margie looks on.

there are some things that will happen in our internal revenues that should produce some more money to allow it to go back up again. But I go back to this: we need to get some young players up here. We can't make another long, sustained run. The natural cycle for us would be to rebuild right now, to go through what people don't want to see us go through, and be ready in '04 or '05 to go after it again. What we're trying to do is something that's pretty difficult. We're trying to not go through that, and still be even stronger in '04. Our division factors into this, too. But we should be able to do some creative things, to keep our veteran players who are still pretty special talents, and mix in some other free agents and young players and, with a modest, but still very competitive payroll – certainly in the upper half of baseball – continue to be a competitive team.

Q: Do you worry that what you're doing is just delaying rebuilding, or avoiding it?

A: Actually it's speeding up that process. By acquiring players like Alex Escobar, Billy Traber, Jerrod Riggan, Earl Snyder, we've sped it up a little bit. And we feel extremely confident about what's in our farm system from the "A" level down, and we feel very confident about what we got from the last two years' drafts. I feel very good about our scouting staff, so I feel we are positioned to load back up in our farm system, something that's actually taken a hit in recent years, and build for another long-term stretch. The competitive side of me doesn't

want us to go through any formal rebuilding period, though.

Q: The reason the farm system is in the state that it's in is because the organization went for broke over the past few years and traded away some of its top prospects for players who could help immediately.



Matt Lawton takes batting practice under the watch of Manager Charlie Manuel

What's your philosophy on trading top prospects to try to win it all?

A: I wish I could tell you. That's one of those decisions that I can't simulate.

I know I've been critical of teams in the past, internally, when I've seen them get close and be afraid to trade a top prospect to go for it. Yet, I've also seen teams I'm very close to go too far in that.

Q: So is what you're saying that it's good to do it, but only if it works: if you win the World Series?

A: Yeah. I will say, you've got to know your players extremely well, and listen to your farm people. When you make those trades, you can trade your best talent and your best prospect, but if you ever have that combination of guys who are special leaders as well as talents, you've got to make sure, no matter what, that you don't trade those guys.

Q: So if you get to a point one day where you are maybe one trade away from possibly winning a World Series...

A: We would trade our top talent to help us get over the hump if we think we're close, but we won't trade one of those special cornerstone guys.

Q: You have tried to reconfigure the team with an emphasis on pitching. Is that a basic philosophy of yours, or is that just responding to what is an organizational strength right now?

A: I may be a little more pitching sensitive, with my experience and background, but this is less a philosophical statement and more of a case of us playing to our strength. That's where our strength is. I happen to think that's how you win, and I look at Arizona last year. Especially with dominant pitching. But we want to

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Meet Shapiro's Team...

By Jim Ingraham

The new management team that will lead the Indians into the next phase of their history is a mostly young, widely diverse group, each member of whom brings a unique set of skills and experience into their roles on General Manager Mark Shapiro's staff.

Some were already in the organization and were promoted to their new roles when Shapiro replaced John Hart as General Manager following last season. Some are new to the organization.

All of them share Shapiro's vision for the Indians' future.

"One of Mark's strengths is his ability to empower people to do what they need to do, and also his willingness to let people take an idea or concept and run with it," said Assistant General Manager Neal Huntington. "He has a very strong sense of where he feels we need to go, but he is always open to suggestions. He's an unbelievable leader in every sense."

Shapiro says he has assembled his staff with the idea of gathering

as many different sets of ideas in as many different areas as possible.

His staff includes three Assistant General Managers: Huntington, Chris Antonetti, and John Mirabelli. John Farrell is the new Director of Player Development. Steve Lubratic is the Director of Player Personnel.

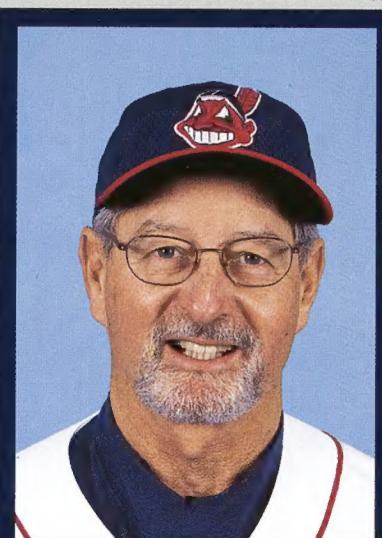
Former Big League pitcher Tim Belcher is a Special Assistant to Baseball Operations, and Karl Kuehl is a Special Advisor, Baseball Operations.

"I wanted people whose skills and experiences complemented me," said Shapiro, "but also people whose values were very similar or even identical to mine."

With this staff, Shapiro believes he has exactly that.

Huntington, 33, is in his fifth season with the Indians. He spent the last two years as the Tribe's Director of Player Development, before being promoted to Assistant General Manager near the end of last season.

In his new role Huntington will assist Shapiro in all the day-to-day operations of the Major League club, including acquiring players and contract negotiations.



Special Advisor, Baseball Operations Karl Kuehl

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THE MANAGER

Charlie Manuel

#32

Age: 58, born January 4, 1944
in North Fork, WV

Bats: L
Throws: R

Height: 6-4
Weight: 220

MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Charlie is in his third year as manager of the Cleveland Indians after being named to the post on November 1, 1999. Manuel replaced Mike Hargrove, becoming the 37th manager in the history of the Indians franchise. Posted a record of 91-71 in his second year as Indians manager as he laid claim to his first Central Division title. He joined Hall of Famer Tris Speaker as the only other Indians manager to make the post season in his second season. Manuel was dogged with abdominal problems for the second straight season, missing 13 games in August and September/October. Manuel posted a record of 90-72 in his first season as manager of the Tribe in 2000, becoming the first rookie Indians skipper to post 90 wins in his first season since Al Lopez (93-61) in 1951. He battled health problems in his first season causing him to miss part of Spring Training and 13 regular season games. Manuel now owns a two-year managerial record of 181-143 with his .559 winning percentage ranking third among Indians managers in franchise history. Manuel spent six seasons from 1994-99 as the Tribe's Hitting Coach after being named to the staff on October 11, 1993. Under his tutelage in 1999 the Indians scored a franchise record and Major League best 1009 runs, becoming the first team since the 1950 Boston Red Sox and 7th Major League team overall to eclipse the 1000 run plateau.



Photo: Gregory Drezdzon



COACHING STAFF

Jeff Datz #29

Age: 42, born November 28, 1959
in Camden, NJ

Position: Bench Coach

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6-4

Weight: 240

MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Begins his first season as the Tribe's Bench Coach after being named to the position on March 30, 2002. Datz has served as the Indians Minor League Field Coordinator for the past two seasons and was responsible for the coordination of all workouts and fundamentals of the six Minor League clubs in Spring Training while overseeing the Minor League field staffs and rosters of the six affiliates during the regular season. Datz joined the organization in 1991 as an Area Scout and later managed six seasons in the Tribe's Minor League system from 1994-99 at Watertown, Columbus, Akron, and Buffalo, and led the Buffalo Bisons to the 1998 International League Championship.

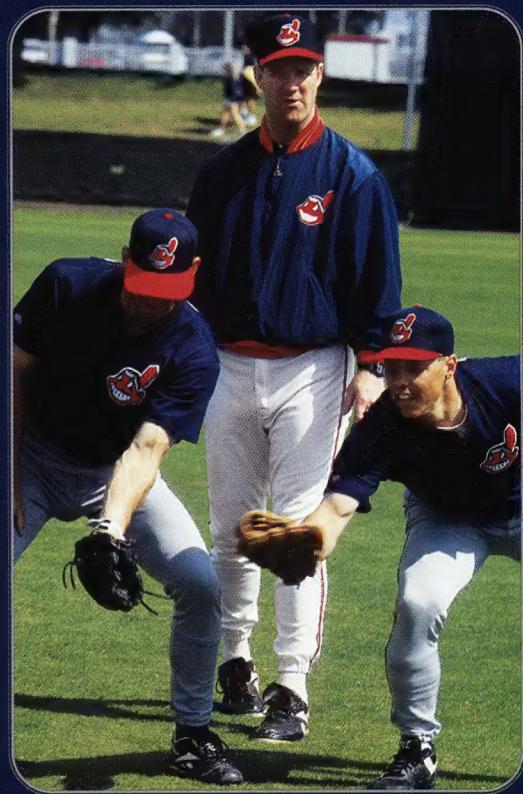


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Datz pictured here during a Spring Training workout with two Minor Leaguers

Joel Skinner #35

Age: 41, born February 21, 1961
in La Jolla, CA

Position: Third Base Coach

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6-4

Weight: 204

MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Begins his second season on Charlie Manuel's coaching staff after being appointed on November 10, 2000. Skinner spent six seasons managing in the Indians Player Development system from 1995-2000. Skinner's leadership of the AAA Bisons in 2000 earned him "Minor League Manager of the Year" honors from *Baseball America & The Sporting News* in addition to being named International League "Manager of the Year" honors.

COACHING STAFF

Eddie Murray #33

Age: 46, born February 24, 1956
in Los Angeles, CA

Position: Hitting Coach

Bats: S

Throws: R

Height: 6-5

Weight: 240

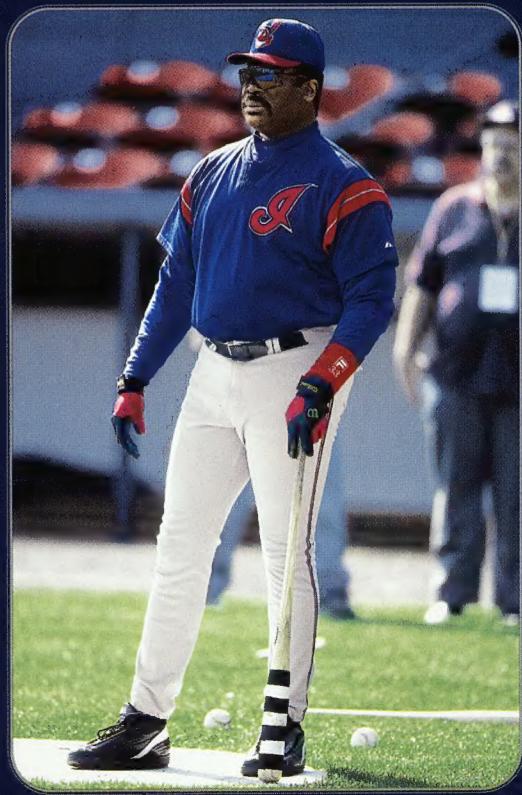


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MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Murray was named Hitting Coach on November 14, 2001. He spent four seasons on the Major League coaching staff of the Baltimore Orioles from 1998-2001. Murray was Mike Hargrove's First Base & Outfield Coach in 2000 and 2001 and was Ray Miller's Bench Coach in 1998 and 1999. He managed the Scottsdale Scorpions in the Arizona Fall League to a record of 25-19 (2nd in AFL) after the 1999 season. Murray returns to the Indians organization after playing two and a half seasons in Cleveland from 1994-96.

Mike Brown #45

Age: 43, born March 4, 1959 in
Haddon Township, NJ

Position: Pitching Coach

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6-2

Weight: 200

MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Brown begins his first season as the Indians Pitching Coach after being appointed on October 24, 2001. He was the organization's Pitching Coordinator from 1995 to 2001, spending the last three seasons as the club's Assistant Director of Player Development below Neal Huntington in addition to his coordinator duties. Under his direction as Pitching Coordinator, Brown has been instrumental in the development of many of the pitchers that contributed to the 2001 Central Division title. RHP Bartolo Colon, LHP C.C. Sabathia, RHP David Riske, RHP Ryan Dreser, RHP Danys Baez, RHP Tim Drew, RHP Jake Westbrook, and RHP Roy Smith all spent time working under Brown as they made their way up the Indians farm system.

COACHING STAFF

Robby Thompson #6

Age: 39, born May 10, 1962
in West Palm Beach, FL

Position: First Base & Infield Coach

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 5-11

Weight: 175



Photo: Gregory Drezdzon

MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Thompson was named to Charlie Manuel's coaching staff on December 19, 2001, as Infield and First Base Coach. Upon the conclusion of his playing days in the spring of 1997, Robby worked as the Giants roving Minor League infield instructor in 1999. He was then named to the San Francisco Major League Coaching Staff in 2000, serving as the First Base Coach for two seasons in 2000 and 2001.

Luis Isaac #4

Age: 55, born June 19, 1946 in
Rio Piedres, PR

Position: Bullpen Coach

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 5-11

Weight: 195

MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Isaac is in his ninth year as a member of the Indians Major League coaching staff. Luis was named Bullpen Coach on October 11, 1993, and has been in the Indians organization as a player, coach, manager, and scout since 1965.

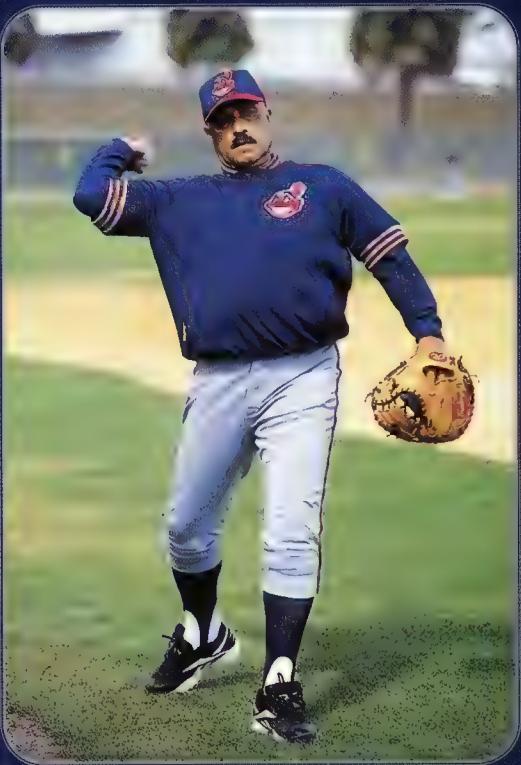


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COACHING STAFF

Dave Keller #87

Age: 42, born September 28, 1959
in Fontana, CA

Position: Bullpen Catcher

Bats: Right **Height:** 6'3"
Throws: Left **Weight:** 235

MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Keller enters his second season as a Major League staff assistant and bullpen catcher after being named to the staff in the spring of 2001. During the 1999 and 2000 seasons, Keller was the Minor League Hitting Coordinator for the Cleveland Indians.

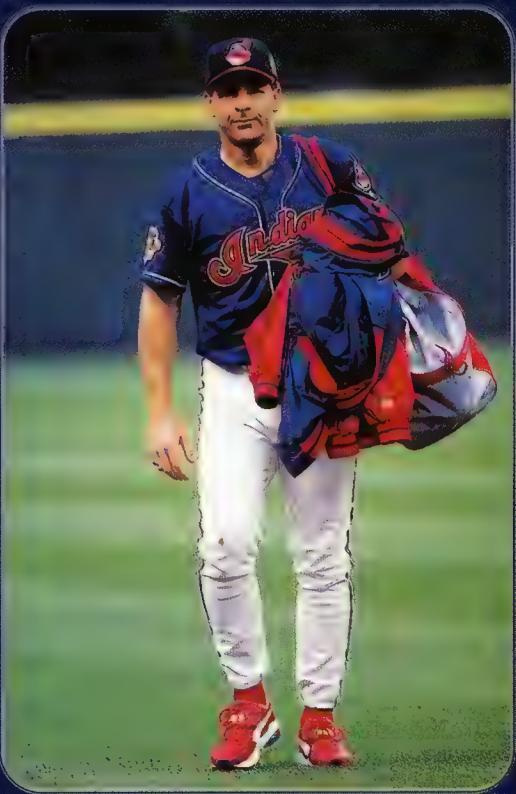


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Dan Williams #43

Age: 33, born September 3, 1966
in San Gabrielle, CA

Position: Working Coach/Bullpen Catcher

Bats: R **Height:** 6'3"
Throws: R **Weight:** 245

COACHING CAREER:

Williams enters his seventh full season on the Major League coaching staff. Duties include catching starting and relief pitchers in the bullpen, throwing batting practice, and hitting fungoes. Dan also assists Bullpen Coach Luis Isaac in various pregame and postgame duties.

TRAINERS



PAUL SPICUZZA
HEAD TRAINER



JIM WARFIELD
ASSISTANT TRAINER



**FERNANDO
MONTES**
STRENGTH AND
CONDITIONING COACH



JIM MEHALIK
DIRECTOR OF
REHABILITATION

NOT PICTURED: JOE HUGHES
MINOR LEAGUE STRENGTH
AND CONDITIONING COORDINATOR



Shapiro consults Mike Brown, Tribe Pitching Coach

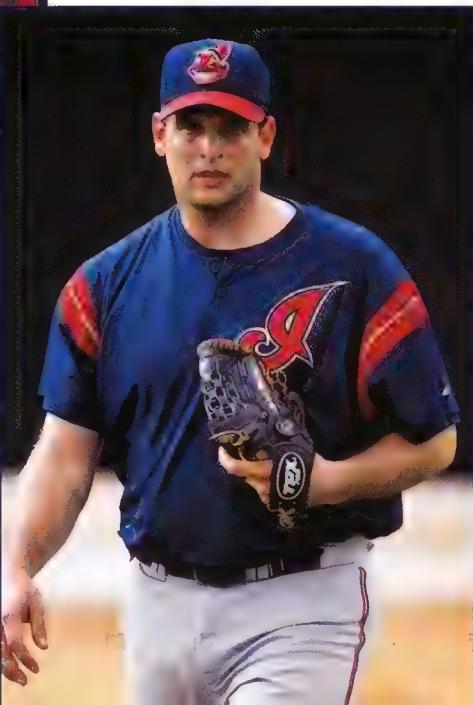
have a balanced team. We don't want to have a pitching team. We want to have an offensive team that can find multiple ways to score runs, play good defense, do the little things, with pitching that has a chance to dominate every night.

Q: You really like your bullpen, don't you?

A: We've said from the beginning that if we're going to make the bullpen the strength of our team, let's really shore it up, which I feel we did with the addition of Mark Wohlers. Now we have four veteran back end guys in Wickman, Paul Shuey, Wohlers, and Ricardo Rincon, all of whom

have closed games at the Major League level, and two young guys in David Riske and Riggan, both of whom I believe have the ceiling to be closers or elite setup men in middle relief. Plus we have some depth there in guys like Scott Radinsky and Jake Westbrook, who could figure in there as well.

Q: When you began to think about



the kind of front office staff you wanted to assemble when you became General Manager, what were the characteristics you were looking for in the people you hired?

A: I wanted people whose skills and experiences complemented me, which, to a large extent, meant they were different than me. I also wanted people whose values were very similar or even identical to mine. I wanted people who wanted to win, but wanted to win the same way I wanted to win. But the main thing I wanted were people whose skills complemented mine in order to help us make quality decisions.

So you bring in a Steve Lubratic, who has had diametrically different life experiences as me. A guy who has been a player, a Minor League manager, a farm director, a scout, an Assistant GM. He's one of those rare guys who can evaluate talent, but also negotiate a contract. He can help immeasurably as an advisor.

You bring in Karl Kuehl, who helped build one of the best farm systems in baseball in Oakland, for on-field advice. Instructional advice.

Q: What about Tim Belcher?

A: I've always believed you should have a recently retired player on your front office staff.

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The Players



Jim Thome

INFILDER ★ 25

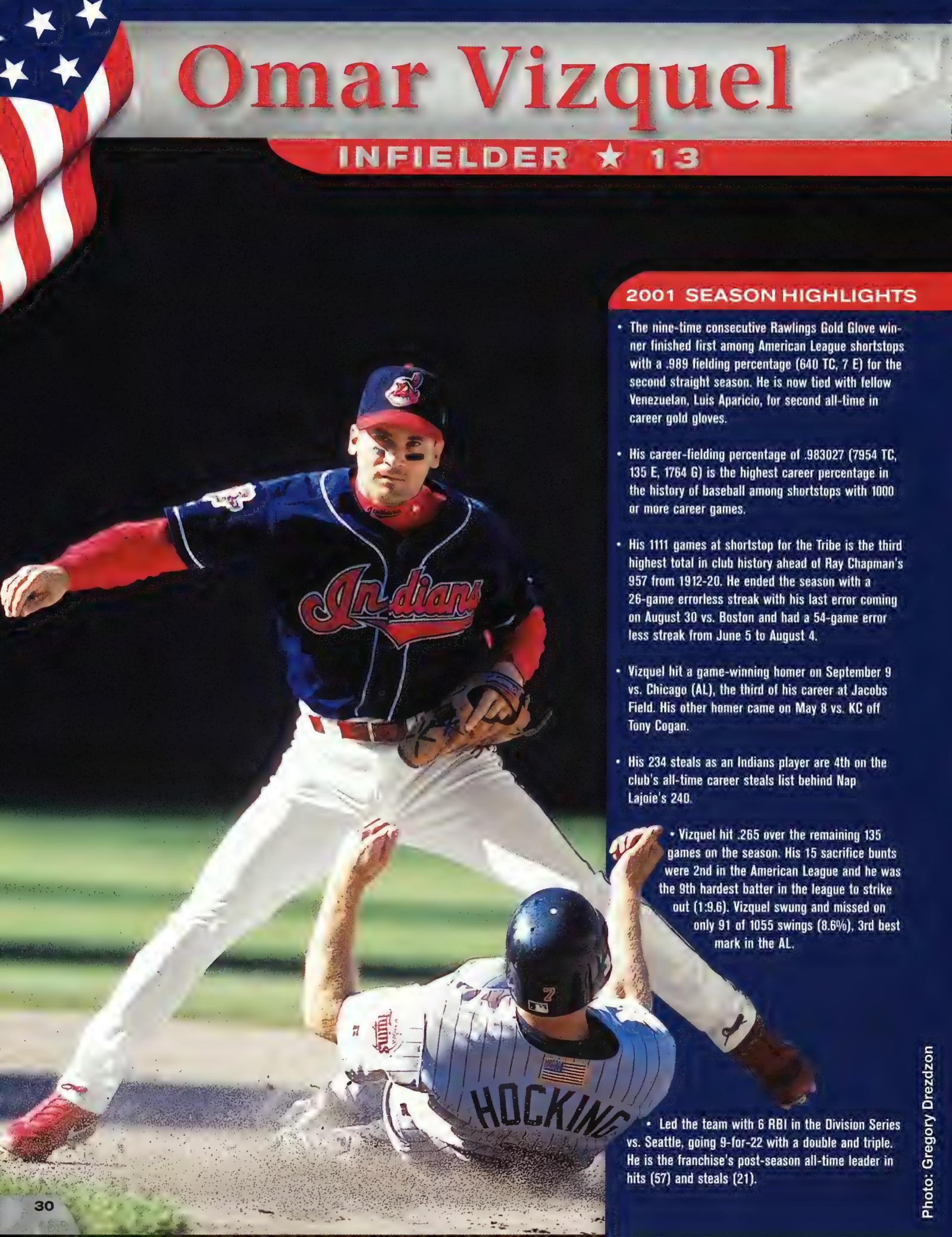


2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Thome enjoyed his finest season as a professional, compiling career-bests in homers (49) and RBI (124). The 49 homers were the second highest single-season total in club history behind Belle's 50 in 1995.
- The 49 homers were second in the American League and were the most by a left-handed hitter in club history, breaking Hal Trosky's 1936 mark of 42 on August 22. Thome was named to his third *Sporting News* Post-Season All-Star Team at first base after the season.
- His 8 consecutive 20+ homer seasons (since 1994) and his 6 consecutive 30+ homer seasons (since 1996) are new franchise records. His 124 RBI were the 5th highest total in the AL and his 122 as a first baseman were the most by a Tribe infielder since Al Rosen's 145 in 1953 (5th season with 100+ RBI). The last Tribe left-handed hitter with 120-plus RBI was Larry Doby's 126 in 1954.
- Thome also finished second in the AL in slugging percentage (.624), 3rd in on-base percentage (.416), T2nd with 111 walks (5th season with 100+ BB), 5th in total bases (328), T6th in extra base hits (76), and 1st with a club record 185 strikeouts, breaking his own mark of 171 set in 1999 and 2000.
- Became the franchise's all-time career home-run leader on May 29 at Detroit (off Victor Santos), hitting his 243rd career homer as an Indians player to surpass Albert Belle's 242. Now owns a franchise best 282. Became the club's all-time walk leader on Sept. 4 vs. Chicago with his 858th as an Indians player, passing Tris Speaker's mark of 857.
- Was named American League Player of the Month in July for the first time in his career, hitting .381 with 12 HR and a league-best 39 RBI. Posted just the fifth month of 39 RBI or more since 1983 as he won the AL triple crown in July. His 39 RBI were the most by an Indians player in any calendar month since Hal Trosky had 45 RBI in July of 1936.
- His 30 HR (tied club record for HR in a single season at home) and 81 RBI at home in 2001 led all American League players. His .361 average with RISP and 2 outs was the 6th highest mark in the league.

Omar Vizquel

INFILDER ★ 13

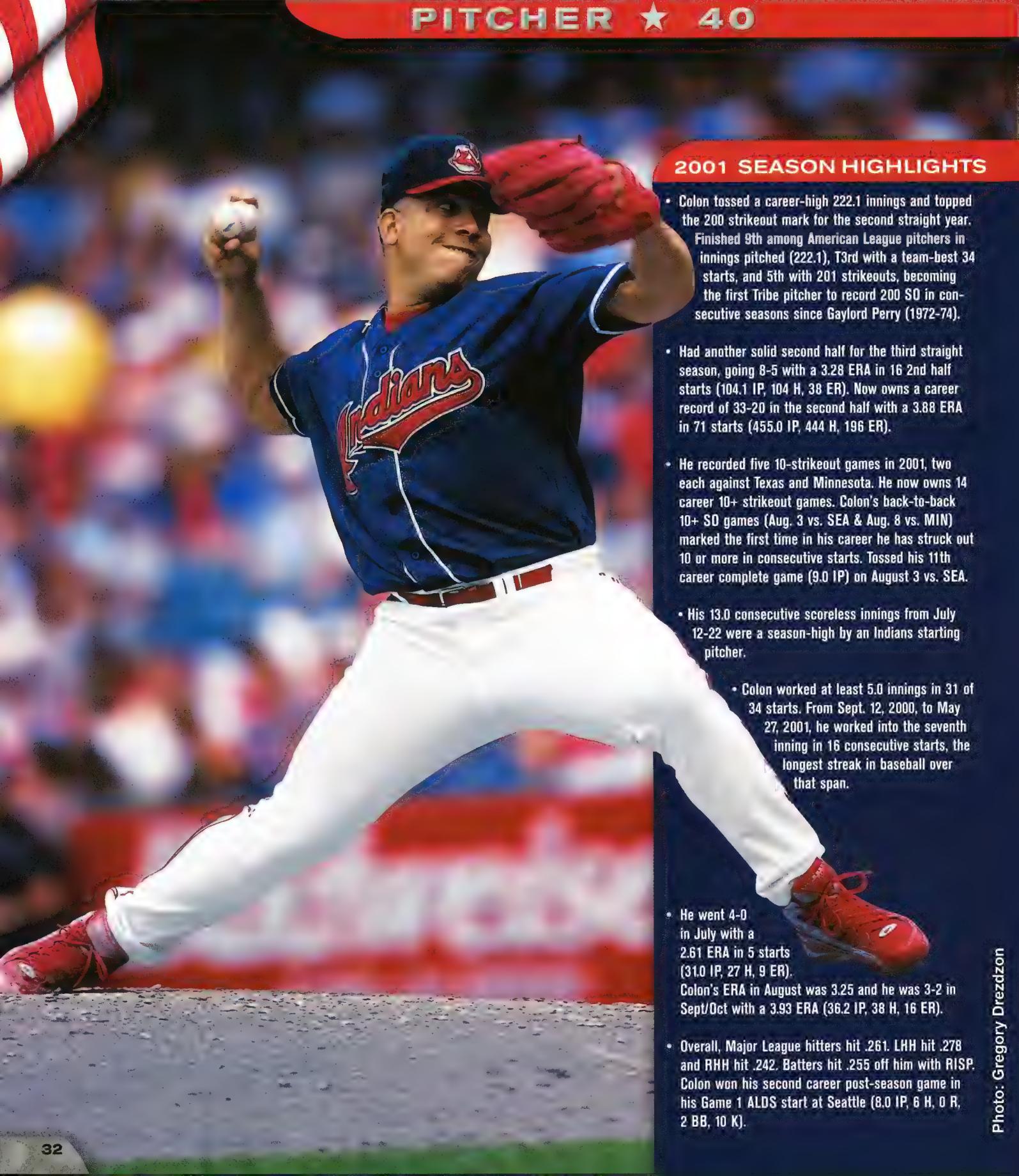


2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- The nine-time consecutive Rawlings Gold Glove winner finished first among American League shortstops with a .989 fielding percentage (640 TC, 7 E) for the second straight season. He is now tied with fellow Venezuelan, Luis Aparicio, for second all-time in career gold gloves.
- His career-fielding percentage of .983027 (7954 TC, 135 E, 1764 G) is the highest career percentage in the history of baseball among shortstops with 1000 or more career games.
- His 1111 games at shortstop for the Tribe is the third highest total in club history ahead of Ray Chapman's 957 from 1912-20. He ended the season with a 26-game errorless streak with his last error coming on August 30 vs. Boston and had a 54-game error less streak from June 5 to August 4.
- Vizquel hit a game-winning homer on September 9 vs. Chicago (AL), the third of his career at Jacobs Field. His other homer came on May 8 vs. KC off Tony Cogan.
- His 234 steals as an Indians player are 4th on the club's all-time career steals list behind Nap Lajoie's 240.
- Vizquel hit .265 over the remaining 135 games on the season. His 15 sacrifice bunts were 2nd in the American League and he was the 9th hardest batter in the league to strike out (1:9.6). Vizquel swung and missed on only 91 of 1055 swings (8.6%), 3rd best mark in the AL.
- Led the team with 6 RBI in the Division Series vs. Seattle, going 9-for-22 with a double and triple. He is the franchise's post-season all-time leader in hits (57) and steals (21).

Bartolo Colon

PITCHER ★ 40



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Colon tossed a career-high 222.1 innings and topped the 200 strikeout mark for the second straight year. Finished 9th among American League pitchers in innings pitched (222.1), T3rd with a team-best 34 starts, and 5th with 201 strikeouts, becoming the first Tribe pitcher to record 200 SO in consecutive seasons since Gaylord Perry (1972-74).
- Had another solid second half for the third straight season, going 8-5 with a 3.28 ERA in 16 2nd half starts (104.1 IP, 104 H, 38 ER). Now owns a career record of 33-20 in the second half with a 3.88 ERA in 71 starts (455.0 IP, 444 H, 196 ER).
- He recorded five 10-strikeout games in 2001, two each against Texas and Minnesota. He now owns 14 career 10+ strikeout games. Colon's back-to-back 10+ SO games (Aug. 3 vs. SEA & Aug. 8 vs. MIN) marked the first time in his career he has struck out 10 or more in consecutive starts. Tossed his 11th career complete game (9.0 IP) on August 3 vs. SEA.
- His 13.0 consecutive scoreless innings from July 12-22 were a season-high by an Indians starting pitcher.
- Colon worked at least 5.0 innings in 31 of 34 starts. From Sept. 12, 2000, to May 27, 2001, he worked into the seventh inning in 16 consecutive starts, the longest streak in baseball over that span.
- He went 4-0 in July with a 2.61 ERA in 5 starts (31.0 IP, 27 H, 9 ER). Colon's ERA in August was 3.25 and he was 3-2 in Sept/Oct with a 3.93 ERA (36.2 IP, 38 H, 16 ER).
- Overall, Major League hitters hit .261. LHH hit .278 and RHH hit .242. Batters hit .255 off him with RISP. Colon won his second career post-season game in his Game 1 ALDS start at Seattle (8.0 IP, 6 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 10 K).



Travis Fryman

INFILDER ★ 17



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Fryman missed one-third of the season with a right elbow injury, which forced him onto the disabled list for the third time in his career and the third time in as many seasons and battled through pain the remainder of the season.
- He played in Spring Training through March 13 and returned to Cleveland for an MRI and examination, which revealed a partially torn ligament in his right elbow. Did not play the remainder of the spring and was placed on the 15-day disabled list on March 31.
- Appeared in 12 games at Buffalo and Akron before being activated on June 2. Spent the remainder of the season on the active roster, appearing in 96 games at third base (94 starts).
- His fielding and throwing suffered because of the injury, making 12 errors in 214 total chances after compiling a Major League best fielding percentage among third basemen (.978, 363 TC, 8 E) in 2000.
- Hit his fifth career grand slam, his first since August 2, 1996, off Kansas City's Jeff Austin on Sept. 18 at Jacobs Field. It was his first homer since August 4.
- On the year, he was 6 for 12 with the bases loaded with a HR and 12 RBI. He hit .257 off LHP with 3 RBI and .265 with 3 HR and 35 RBI. Hit .280 over his last 23 games on the year with 13 RBI.
- Fryman had arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder on November 27 to repair some fraying in his labrum and rotator cuff.

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Ellis Burks

OUTFIELDER ★ 23



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Burks was on his way to a very productive first season in an Indians uniform before a broken right thumb in mid-July slowed his productivity in the second half. At the time of the injury, he was hitting .290 with 19 doubles, 22 homers, and 55 RBI in 78 games and was on pace for 100 RBI.
- Burks is a two-time All-Star (1990 & '96) and was a Rawlings Gold Glove recipient in 1990. He also owns two Silver Slugger Awards and has been named to two Post-Season All-Star Teams by *The Sporting News*.
- He has now homered in 39 different Major League ballparks, which has tied him with Fred McGriff and Mark McGwire for the most in MLB history according to Elias Sports Bureau. He has not homered at The Ballpark in Arlington and Safeco Field in the AL.
- Burks suffered a fractured right thumb on July 15 in Houston after being hit by a pitch thrown by Octavio Dotel and was placed on the 15-day disabled list on July 21 (retroactive to 7/16) for the ninth time in his career. Was activated off the DL on August 1 and hit .262 for the remainder of the season with 10 2B, 6 HR, and 19 RBI in 46 games.
- Hit his 300th home run on June 19 vs. Minnesota off Eric Milton. In the game, he collected his first career 3-homer game and his second career 5-hit game in the 10-9 Tribe loss. His 15 total bases in the game (5-7, 2B, 3 HR, 3 RBI) were a season-high by an Indians player and propelled him to American League Player of the Week honors. Hit his 20th homer of the season on June 23, the sixth straight season in which he eclipsed the 20-homer barrier since 1996.
- Burks hit .316 in the Division Series vs. Seattle with a solo HR (3rd career playoff HR) off Jose Paniagua in Game 1.

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Bob Wickman

PITCHER ★ 26



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Wickman was outstanding at the back end of the bullpen, saving 32 of his 35 chances on his way to the best season by an Indians closer since Jose Mesa in 1995. He finished 7th in the American League in saves as his 91.4 save percentage was the 4th best mark in the league. He finished 5th among AL closers with 100 relief points in the Rolaids Relief standings.
- Over the last four seasons since 1998 he has saved 124 games in 149 tries. Since being acquired last July Wickman is 46 of 52 and is 16th in Tribe history with 46 saves.
- Indians were 61-9 over his team-high 70 appearances, which ranked 8th in the American League. He won all five of his decisions in 2001 and has not lost since September 28, 2000 vs. Minnesota.
- In his last 18 games on the season, after his last blown save on August 14 vs. Minnesota, he was 2-0 with 12 straight saves and a 0.49 ERA (18.1 IP, 18 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 16 SO). Allowed a run in only 15 of his 70 outings this year.
- Limited batters to a .222 mark with RISP and .206 with runners on. His relief ERA of 2.39 was the 5th best mark among AL relievers. Batters hit .146 off him with two strikes. Overall big league hitters hit .240 off Wickman with 4 HR allowed. LHH hit .279 and RHH hit .205.
- His career ERA in relief is 3.40 (664.2 IP, 625 H, 251 ER) in 563 outings compared to a 4.66 ERA in 28 career starts and he has never been on the disabled list in his Major League career. Batters have a career mark of .237 with RISP.

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Einar Diaz

CATCHER ★ 2

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

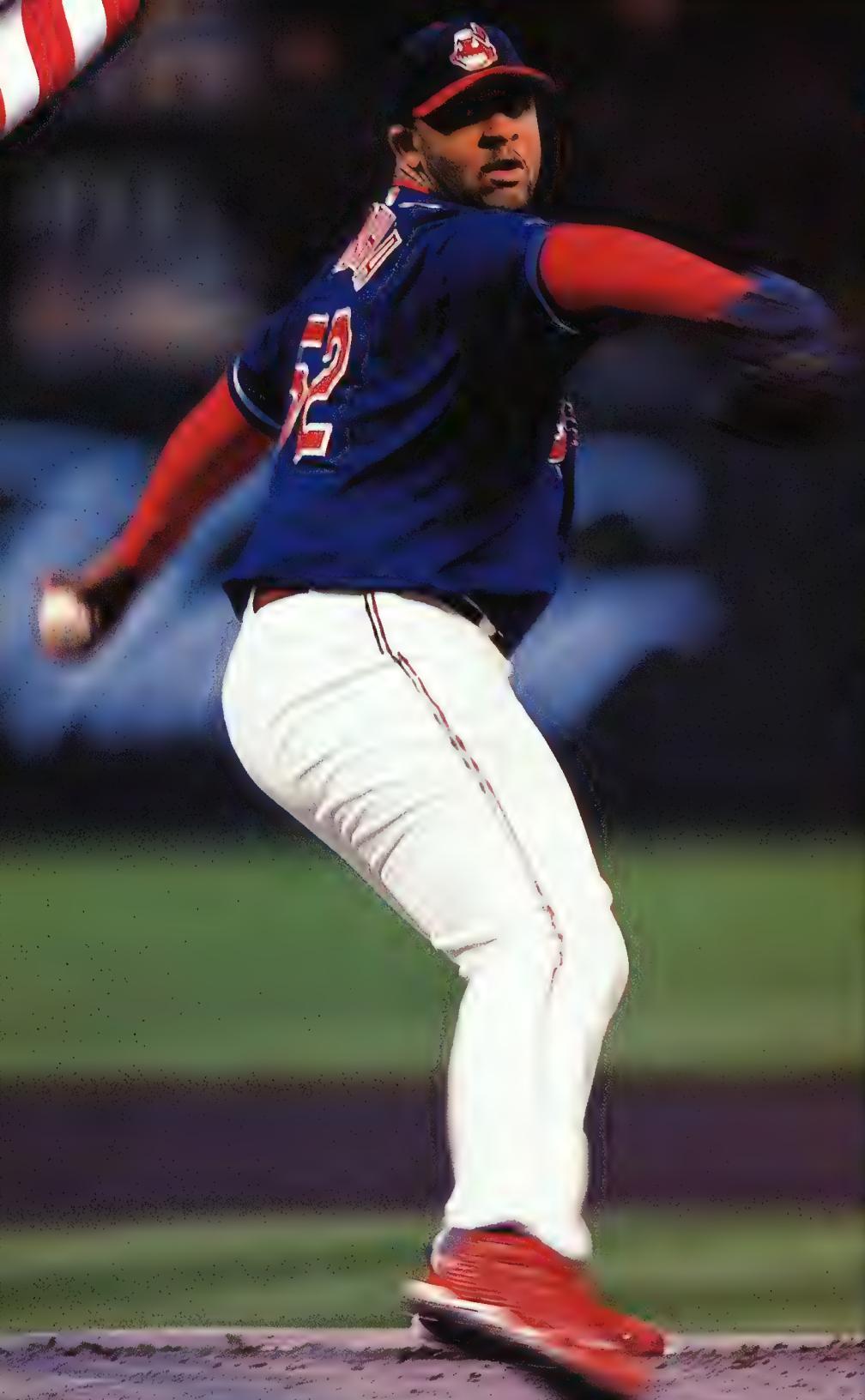
- Diaz spent his first season as the everyday catcher and continues to develop into one of the promising young catchers in the game today. Appeared in a career-high 134 games at catcher, the most by an Indians catcher since Dave Duncan (136) in 1974. Made 126 starts at catcher in his third straight full season in the big leagues going .556 in his starts.
- On the year, Diaz tossed out 46 of 130 runners attempting to steal off him, the best mark in the league among catchers with at least 64 attempts against. After tossing out 6 of his first 29 through June 1, he tossed out 40 of 101 the remainder of the season, including 12 of 23 from June 25 to July 28. In his Major League career, he has thrown out 107 of 308 runners.
- He had a strong year defensively behind the dish, compiling the third best fielding percentage (.992) among American League catchers with 8 errors in 1060 total chances.
- Diaz established career-bests in virtually every offensive category and led all Major League catchers with 34 doubles.
- His .338 average after the sixth inning was the 5th highest mark in the American League. His .345 mark with RISP and 2 outs was the 9th best mark in the AL and his .368 mark on a full count was 7th best.
- He hit .305 with 4 HR and 47 RBI against RHP and .196 against LHP with 0 HR and 9 RBI.

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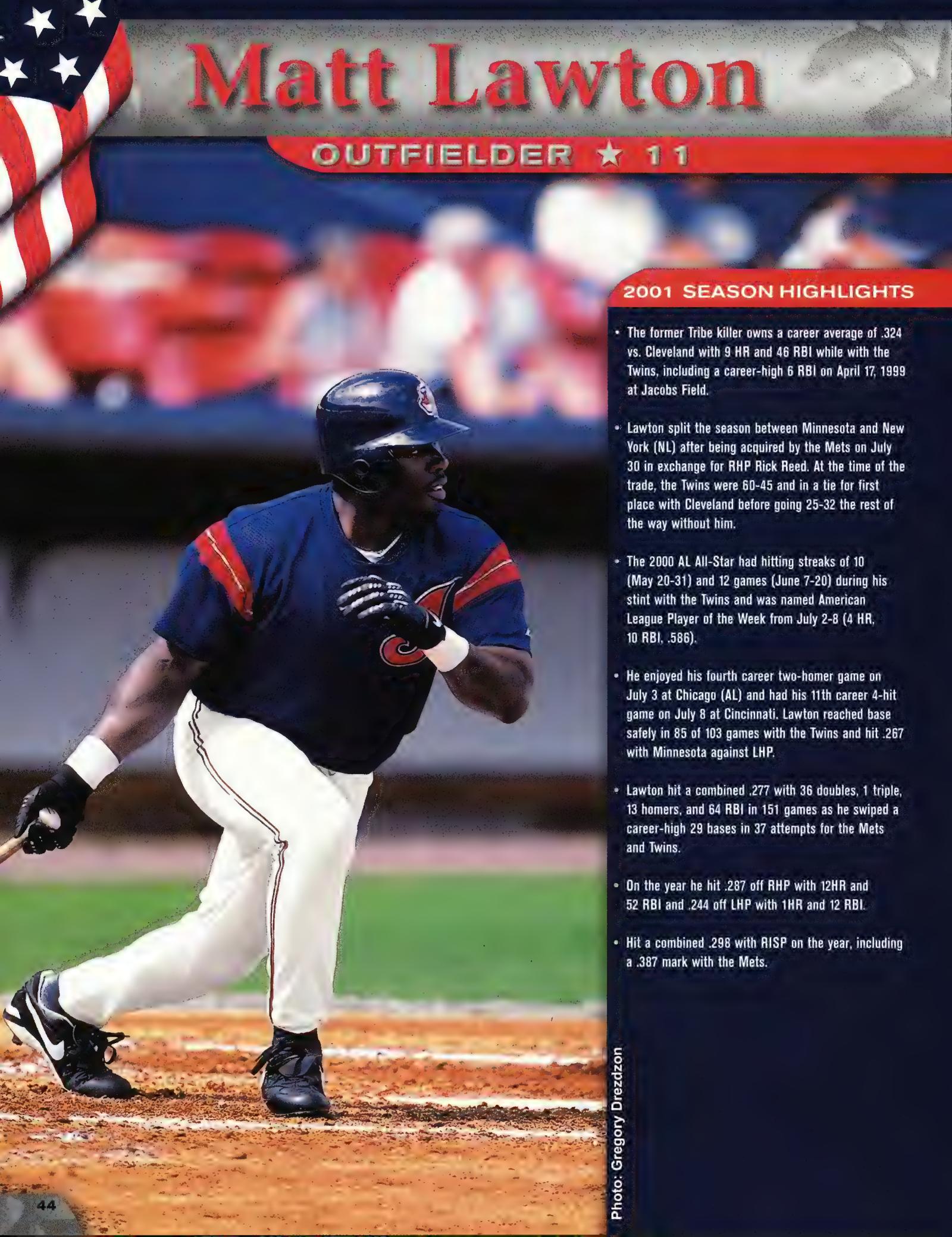
C.C. Sabathia

PITCHER ★ 52



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- The then 20-year-old southpaw was arguably the club's best pitcher as he put together the finest season by an Indians rookie in more than half a century. Sabathia led Major League rookie pitchers in wins (17), starts (33), and strikeouts (171). He became the first Tribe rookie since LHP Gene Bearden (20-7) in 1948 to win 17 or more games in his rookie season.
- His 17 wins ranked 6th in the American League overall and his .228 average against was the 2nd lowest mark among AL starters. His 171 strikeouts were 7th in the American League and his 95 walks were 2nd. His .773 winning percentage was 3rd in the AL.
- After the season he was named *The Sporting News* American League Rookie Pitcher of the Year and was named to the Baseball Digest & Topps Major League All-Rookie Teams. He also finished 2nd to Ichiro (Seattle) in the AL BBWAA Rookie of the Year voting with 73 points.
- Sabathia tossed a career-high 180.1 innings after entering the season with a career-high Minor League IP of 146.1 in 2000. Ended the season with a bang, going 2-0 over his last 3 starts with a 0.53 ERA (17.0 IP, 7 H, 1 ER, 8 BB, 21 SO, .127 avg). C.C. won the fourth spot in the rotation in the spring, compiling a record of 1-1 with a 4.24 ERA (5 G/2GS, 17.0 IP, 18 H, 8 ER, 7 BB, 15 SO).
- Made his Major League debut on April 8 vs. Baltimore, getting a no-decision in the Tribe's 4-3 win after allowing a Jeff Conine 3-run homer in the first inning (5.2 IP, 3 H, 3 R/ER, 2 BB, 3 SO). He allowed only 1 hit over the final 4.2 innings.
- Fanned a career/season-high 11 Reds in his start at Cincinnati on July 13, the most by a Tribe rookie since Albie Lopez in August of 1994. Also struck out 11 on August 29 vs. Boston and Sept. 28 vs. Minnesota.
- Worked 5.0 or more innings in 26 of his 33 starts. His 13 road wins led the American League. His 7.44 hits allowed per 9.0 IP was the lowest mark in the American League (Seattle's Garcia was at 7.50).
- Batters hit .255 off him with RISP, were 4 for 20 with the bases loaded, and .200 with no one on base. Sabathia led AL rookie pitchers in innings (180.1) and ERA (4.39).



Matt Lawton

OUTFIELDER ★ 11

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- The former Tribe killer owns a career average of .324 vs. Cleveland with 9 HR and 46 RBI while with the Twins, including a career-high 6 RBI on April 17, 1999 at Jacobs Field.
- Lawton split the season between Minnesota and New York (NL) after being acquired by the Mets on July 30 in exchange for RHP Rick Reed. At the time of the trade, the Twins were 60-45 and in a tie for first place with Cleveland before going 25-32 the rest of the way without him.
- The 2000 AL All-Star had hitting streaks of 10 (May 20-31) and 12 games (June 7-20) during his stint with the Twins and was named American League Player of the Week from July 2-8 (4 HR, 10 RBI, .586).
- He enjoyed his fourth career two-homer game on July 3 at Chicago (AL) and had his 11th career 4-hit game on July 8 at Cincinnati. Lawton reached base safely in 85 of 103 games with the Twins and hit .267 with Minnesota against LHP.
- Lawton hit a combined .277 with 36 doubles, 1 triple, 13 homers, and 64 RBI in 151 games as he swiped a career-high 29 bases in 37 attempts for the Mets and Twins.
- On the year he hit .287 off RHP with 12HR and 52 RBI and .244 off LHP with 1HR and 12 RBI.
- Hit a combined .298 with RISP on the year, including a .387 mark with the Mets.

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Charles Nagy

PITCHER ★ 41

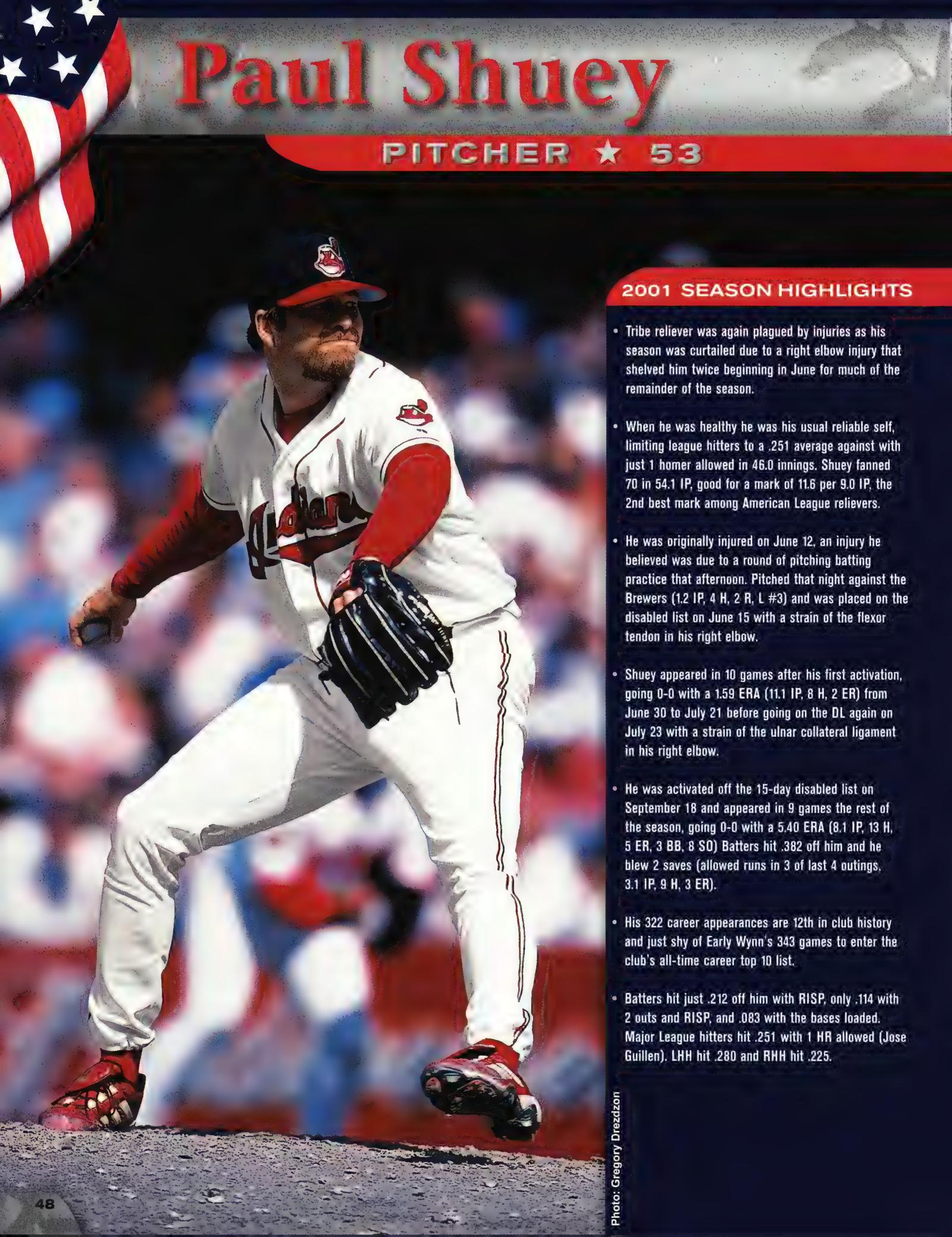


2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- One of the most consistent and classiest pitchers in the history of the franchise, Nagy has experienced consecutive injury-plagued seasons due to a lack of cartilage in his right elbow. It has limited him to 24 starts, 127.1 innings, and 7 wins over the last two seasons.
- Charlie now ranks 5th in Indians history with 1213 career strikeouts, 10th with 128 career wins, and 8th with 290 career starts. His career-winning percentage of .5639 is currently the 10th best total in club history among pitchers with 1000.0 IP. His 11-year tenure with the Tribe is the longest stretch by an Indians pitcher since Sam McDowell from 1961-71. His 128 career wins rank 23rd among active pitchers. His 49 career wins at Jacobs Field are the most by any pitcher.
- Nagy was awarded the Gibbons/Olin Good Guy Award from the Cleveland BBWAA after the season.
- Nagy was officially placed on the 15-day disabled list at the end of Spring Training on March 31. It marked his fourth career stint on the disabled list and the third over the last two years after not appearing on the DL from 1994-99.
- He was activated off the disabled list on June 1 and was inserted into the bullpen as the long man until Chuck Finley's neck injury forced him onto the DL and pressed Nagy into the rotation on June 3. On Sunday, June 3 at Yankee Stadium, Nagy made his first start of the 2001 season and his first Major League start since September 24, 2000, at Kansas City. He picked up his first win since May 16, 2000 vs. Detroit in the Tribe's 4-3 win over the Yankees and Andy Pettitte.
- On the year, he limited hitters to a .253 with RISP and .194 with RISP and 2 outs. Overall, ML hitters hit .342 off him with 10 HR allowed. RHH hit .391 with 6 HR and LHH hit .293 with 4 HR.
- Nagy was placed on the 15-day disabled list on August 24 and his season was pronounced over after a recurrence of his right elbow injury from 2000. He traveled with the team the remainder of the season and worked on his arm strength by throwing batting practice as he prepared for the 2002 season.

Paul Shuey

PITCHER ★ 53



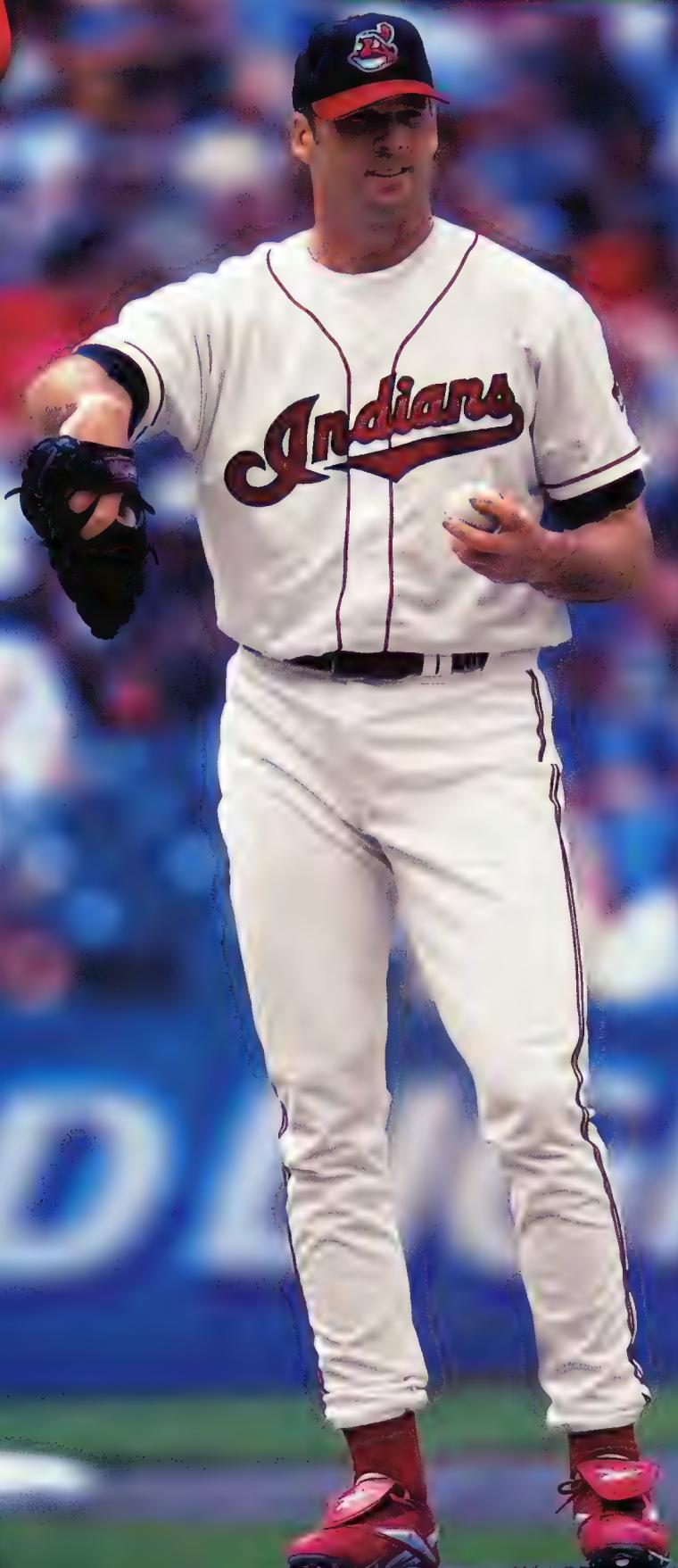
2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Tribe reliever was again plagued by injuries as his season was curtailed due to a right elbow injury that shelved him twice beginning in June for much of the remainder of the season.
- When he was healthy he was his usual reliable self, limiting league hitters to a .251 average against with just 1 homer allowed in 46.0 innings. Shuey fanned 70 in 54.1 IP, good for a mark of 11.6 per 9.0 IP, the 2nd best mark among American League relievers.
- He was originally injured on June 12, an injury he believed was due to a round of pitching/batting practice that afternoon. Pitched that night against the Brewers (1.2 IP, 4 H, 2 R, L #3) and was placed on the disabled list on June 15 with a strain of the flexor tendon in his right elbow.
- Shuey appeared in 10 games after his first activation, going 0-0 with a 1.59 ERA (11.1 IP, 8 H, 2 ER) from June 30 to July 21 before going on the DL again on July 23 with a strain of the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.
- He was activated off the 15-day disabled list on September 18 and appeared in 9 games the rest of the season, going 0-0 with a 5.40 ERA (8.1 IP, 13 H, 5 ER, 3 BB, 8 SO). Batters hit .382 off him and he blew 2 saves (allowed runs in 3 of last 4 outings, 3.1 IP, 9 H, 3 ER).
- His 322 career appearances are 12th in club history and just shy of Early Wynn's 343 games to enter the club's all-time career top 10 list.
- Batters hit just .212 off him with RISP, only .114 with 2 outs and RISP, and .083 with the bases loaded. Major League hitters hit .251 with 1 HR allowed (Jose Guillen). LHH hit .280 and RHH hit .225.

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Chuck Finley

PITCHER ★ 31



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- The reliable lefthander was hampered with the injury bug that limited him to just 22 starts and 113.2 IP, the fewest of his 16-year Major League career as a full-time starting pitcher. He spent 66 days on the disabled list.
- Finley tossed his 61st career complete game in his third start of the year at Detroit on April 14 (8.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R/ER, 1 BB, 4 SO), but suffered his second straight defeat in the tough-luck, 1-0 loss. It was his 7th career 3-hitter and his lowest-hit complete game since July 29, 1997 at Cleveland.
- Won 3 straight starts, May 1-12, before going just 1.0+ innings in his start at Texas on May 17, allowing 8 runs on 9 hits. It was his shortest start since June 15, 1991, at Boston (0.2 IP) and raised his ERA from 3.75 to 5.08.
- He was scratched from May 11 start (stiff neck), but started the next day. Was placed on the 15-day disabled list on June 2 with neck spasms after his scheduled starts of June 1 and 3 in New York were aborted. It marked his fifth career stint on the DL and his first since the 1997 season. At the time of the injury, he was tied for 8th in the league with 58 strikeouts.
- Was activated from the DL on June 20 to make a start against Minnesota (ND, 4.2 IP, 2 ER). After returning from his first stint on the DL he went 0-0 with a 9.00 ERA in two starts before more spasms and weakness in the shoulder shut him down for another five weeks. He was officially placed on the 15-day DL for the second time on June 29.
- Was activated off the DL for the second time on August 9 for a start at Minnesota. After his second activation he went 4-3 with a 4.24 ERA in 9 starts, including his first win since May 12 on August 15 vs. Minnesota.
- Over his last six starts he was 3-1 with a 3.31 ERA (32.2 IP, 27 H, 12 ER, 25 SO), including a mark of 3-1 in Sept/Oct with a 3.52 ERA in five games (30.2 IP, 27 H, 12 ER, 9 BB, 23 SO, .237 avg. against).
- Overall batters hit .291 with 14 HR. RHH hitters hit .299 with 14 HR allowed and LHH hit .250 with 0 HR. Batters hit .375 off him with RISP and .350 with runners on base.

Ricky Gutierrez

INFILDER ★ 12



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Gutierrez joins his fifth organization after enjoying two of the best seasons of his Major League career with the Chicago Cubs in 2000 and 2001. Over the two-year span he batted .284 in 272 games with 42 doubles, 21 homers, 122 RBI, and a big league-high 33 sacrifice bunts (owns 34 career homers).
- Established career highs in numerous offensive categories, finishing the year with a .290 average, 10 homers, and 66 RBI. Had career-best figures for batting, RBI, games played (147), hits (153), singles (117), and being hit by a pitch (10 times).
- He is tied for the Major League lead in sacrifice bunts for the second straight year, finishing the campaign with a career-high 17. Also had a career-best 11 sacrifice flies, tying for 4th in the National League. His sac bunt total was the highest by a Cub since Ivan DeJesus had 17 in 1979. Of his 66 RBI, 13 either tied games or gave the team the lead - while 27 came with 2 out. Had 43 multiple-hit affairs.
- Recorded his sixth career 4-hit game on May 20 vs. Arizona, going 4-for-5 with 2 RBI. Homered during all 3 games of the Cubs/Minnesota series June 15-June 17 - first time during his career he went deep in 3 straight games. Hit his first career grand slam on July 12 vs. the White Sox - a game-winning 8th-inning shot off Bob Howry.
- Defensively, he had a .971 fielding percentage in 144 games at shortstop (16 E/549 TC). He owns a career fielding percentage of .983 (58 TC, 1 E) in 27 career games at second base, the last of which came in 1997 with the Houston Astros. The right-handed hitter hit .300 off RHP with 8 HR & 56 RBI (.423 slg) and .258 off LHP with 2 HR & 10 RBI (.331 slg). Hit .292 with RISP.

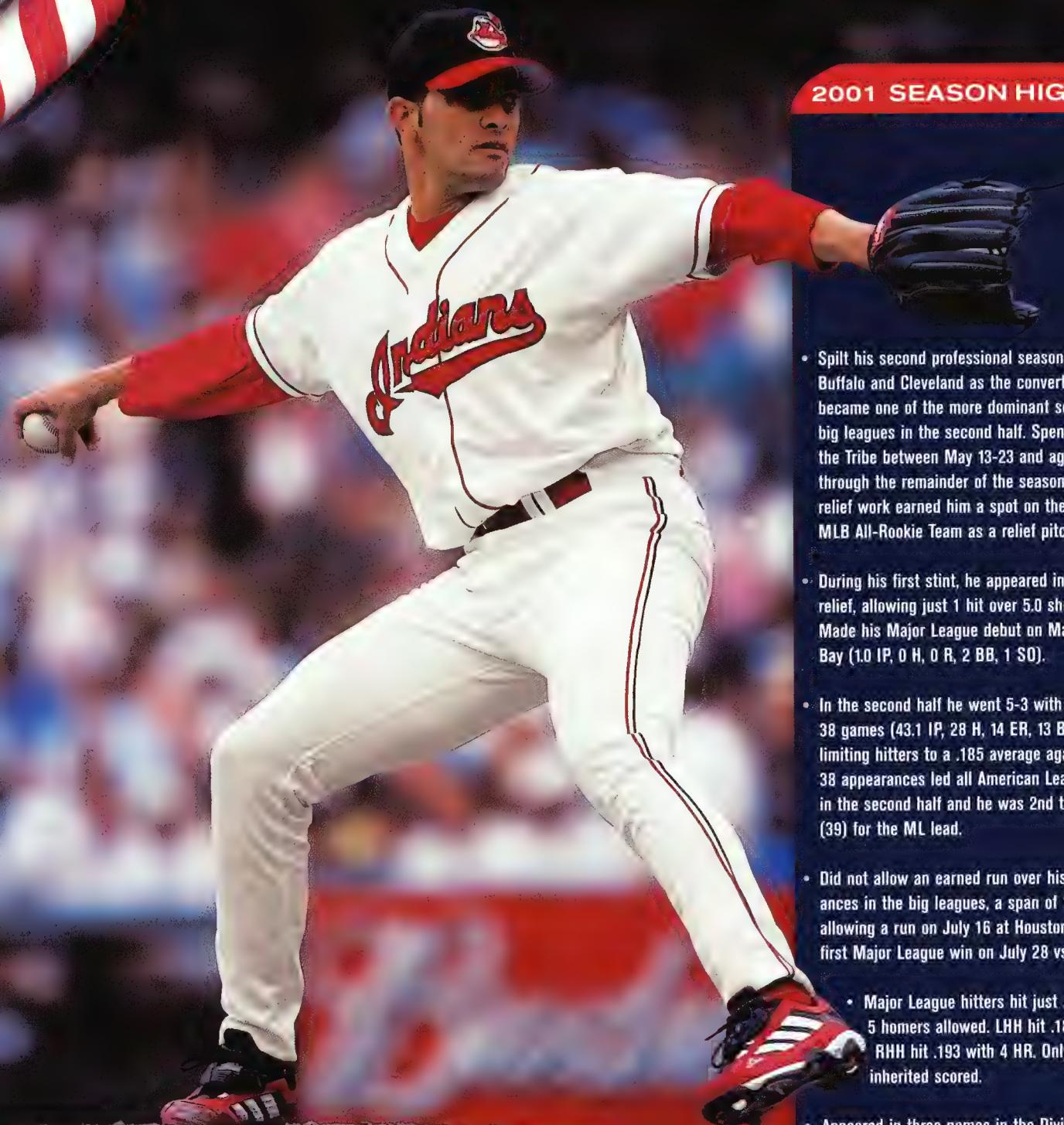


Danys Baez

PITCHER ★ 55



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



- Spent his second professional season between AAA Buffalo and Cleveland as the converted starter became one of the more dominant set-up men in the big leagues in the second half. Spent two stints with the Tribe between May 13-23 and again from July 2 through the remainder of the season. His outstanding relief work earned him a spot on the *Baseball Digest* MLB All-Rookie Team as a relief pitcher.
- During his first stint, he appeared in three games in relief, allowing just 1 hit over 5.0 shutout innings. Made his Major League debut on May 13 vs. Tampa Bay (1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 1 SO).
- In the second half he went 5-3 with a 2.91 ERA in 38 games (43.1 IP, 28 H, 14 ER, 13 BB, 43 SO), limiting hitters to a .185 average against. His 38 appearances led all American League pitchers in the second half and he was 2nd to STL Steve Kline (39) for the ML lead.
- Did not allow an earned run over his first 8 appearances in the big leagues, a span of 10.1 IP before allowing a run on July 16 at Houston. Recorded his first Major League win on July 28 vs. Detroit.
- Major League hitters hit just .191 off him with 5 homers allowed. LHH hit .188 with a HR and RHH hit .193 with 4 HR. Only 3 of his 24 inherited scored.
- Appeared in three games in the Division Series vs. Seattle, posting an ERA of 2.45 (3.2 IP, 4 H, 1 R/ER, 0 BB, 6 SO).



Russell Branyan

INFILDER/OUTFIELDER ★ 28



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Branyan spent his first entire season in the Major Leagues in 2001. During the first half of the season he was an everyday player before being reduced to a part-time role in the second half after 3B Travis Fryman returned to health.
- Hit a career-high 20 homers, the last of which came on the final day of the season on October 7 in Toronto. The home run off David Wells on Opening Day vs. CWS (4/2) was the first of his career off a lefty and on the year he hit 5 of his 20 homers off lefties.
- Made 85 starts on the year - 4 at DH, 55 at third base, 25 starts in left field, and 1 in right field. Made 11 errors in 158 total chances at third base for a fielding percentage of .930.
- Rallying over the last 10 games of the season, Branyan hit .333 with 1 2B, 5 HR, and 12 RBI.
- On September 29 vs. Minnesota, he collected a career-high 6 RBI and notched his fourth career 2-homer game (first of '01). Had three 4-RBI games on the year to equal his then career-high, giving him six 4-RBI games for his career.
- Hit his second career grand slam on April 17 at Baltimore off BJ Ryan.
- Russell hit .218 off RHP with 15 HR and 39 RBI and .325 off LHP with 5 HR and 15 RBI.



Jolbert Cabrera

INFILDER/OUTFIELDER ★ 10

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- The versatile jack-of-all-trades player spent his first full season in the Major Leagues, making starts at six different positions.
- Cabrera appeared in a career-high 141 games and registered career-bests in virtually every offensive category, including hits (75), at bats (287), doubles (16), runs scored (50), and RBI (38).
- He appeared in 36 games in left field, 35 games in center field, 18 games in right field, 27 games at third base, 14 games at short, and 28 games at second base. Compiled a combined fielding percentage of .973 at the six positions (225 TC, 6 E).
- Made 57 starts - starting 7 games at short, 6 starts at second, 10 at third, 1 start in left field, 26 games started in center field, and 7 starts in right field. In his 57 starts he hit .269.
- Set a career-high with 3 runs scored on April 12 at Detroit, going 3-for-5 in the effort. He equaled it on July 27 at Detroit.
- Collected a career-high 4 RBI on May 15 at Texas. He also collected 3 RBI in the Tribe's miracle 12-run comeback on August 5 vs. Seattle.

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Ricardo Rincon

PITCHER ★ 73



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Rincon was the club's most reliable lefthander, posting an impressive 2.83 ERA in a career-high 67 games. His 67 games were second only to Bob Wickman's 70, as were his 19 games finished.
- He did not allow a run over his last 12 outings from August 30 through the end of the season, covering 10.1 innings (3 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 13 SO). Over his last 23 outings, from August 4 on, he recorded an ERA of 1.37 (19.2 IP, 10 H, 3 ER).
- Rincon has been as reliable with men on base as anyone in the league, allowing just 14 of 112 inherited runners to score during his tenure with the Cleveland Indians. His mark of 17.7% in 2001 (stranded 37 of 45) was the 6th best mark among AL relievers.
- Major League hitters hit .223 off him with 3 HR allowed. LHH hit .213 and RHH hit .233 with 1 HR allowed. He yielded just a .182 average against with RISP and in his career left-handed hitters now have a .204 average with 7 homers.
- His career average against with RISP is .184. Batters were also 1 for 11 against him with the bases loaded and 5 for 27 with RISP and 2 outs. Rincon held the league to a .174 average against in the second half.



Mark Wohlers

PITCHER ★ 34



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Wohlers split the season between Cincinnati and the New York Yankees. Combined he went 4-1 with a 4.26 ERA in 61 relief appearances with the Reds and Yankees (67.2 IP, 69 H, 32 ER, 25 BB, 54 SO).
- Was sent to the Yankees on June 30 in exchange for RHP Ricardo Aramboles. In his final 14 appearances with the Reds prior to being traded to the Yankees, he allowed only one earned run in 15 innings pitched.
- Tied his career high with four strikeouts on April 18 vs. Milwaukee and on August 6 vs. Anaheim while with NYY (season-high 2.1 IP).
- Appeared in 31 games for New York, going 1-0 with a 4.54 ERA (35.2 IP, 33 H, 20 R/18 ER, 18 BB, 33 SO) and made one appearance in the American League Championship Series vs. Seattle after not appearing in the Division Series vs. Oakland.
- With the Yankees he retired 20 of 31 first batters faced and only 5 of his 17 inherited runners scored. Over his final nine regular season appearances with the Yankees he was 1-0 with a 1.69 ERA (10.2 IP, 6 H, 2 ER, 13 SO).
- Combined on the year Major League hitters hit .262 with 8 homers allowed. LHH hit .236 with 7 HR allowed and RHH hit .280 with 1 HR. Batters hit .254 with runners in scoring position off him.

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Eddie Taubensee

CATCHER ★ 16



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Spent the whole season backing up Einar Diaz, but was slowed for six weeks in the middle of the season with a viral infection.
- On the year, he appeared in 38 games at catcher for the Tribe, making 28 starts. The Tribe was 18-10 in his start at catcher.
- Taubensee also made one start at designated hitter on July 29 at DET (0-3, BB).
- He compiled a fielding percentage of .986 (218 TC, 3 E, 5 PB).
- He hit his first career American League homer on May 1 at Kansas City off Chad Durbin.
- Hit his second and third career pinch-hit homers on May 23 vs. Detroit and June 10 vs. Cincinnati. The homer on May 23 tied the game at 3-3 in the ninth inning as the Tribe won it in 10.0 IP, 4-3. The last Indians player to hit 2 pinch-hit homers in a season was Nigel Wilson (1996).
- He was 6 for 14 as a pinch-hitter with 3 RBI. The last Indians player with at least 6 pinch hits was Jeff Treadway in 1993 (9) as the total was tied for 3rd among AL pinch-hitters.

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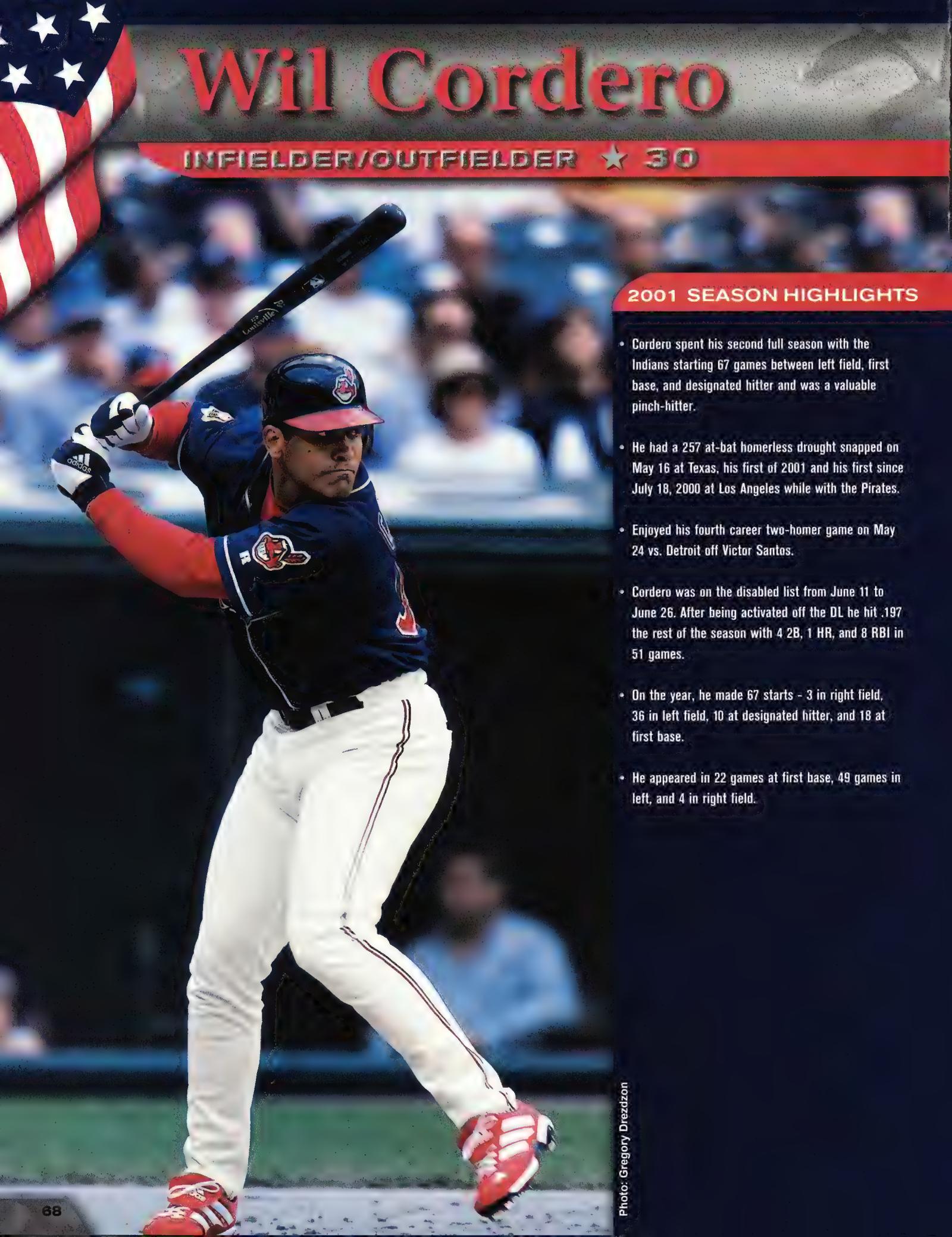
Jaret Wright

PITCHER ★ 27



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- For the third consecutive season the hard-throwing righthander was beset with right shoulder problems and underwent surgery for the second straight campaign that ended his season.
- Wright was placed on the 15-day disabled list officially on March 31 and continued to rehab his shoulder in Winter Haven, making six extended spring starts during the month of April (went 8.0 IP in last start). Was activated off the 15-day DL on May 19 and made his 2001 debut that night in his hometown of Anaheim (ND, 5.0 IP, 4 H, 2 R/ER, 6 BB, 3 SO).
- Made seven starts at the big league level for the Tribe, going 2-0 over his first 4 starts with a 2.61 ERA (20.2 IP, 20 H, 6 ER, 17 BB, 11 SO).
- Wright won his first game since May 11, 2000, in his start at Detroit on May 30 in the Tribe's 8-4 win over the Tigers and Chris Holt (384 days between wins).
- His lack of command and arm strength finally caught up with him over his last three starts, going 0-2 with a 16.20 ERA (8.1 IP, 16 H, 15 ER, 5 BB, 7 SO) before being optioned to AAA Buffalo on June 22.
- Made two starts in Buffalo and was placed on the disabled list with a sprained A/C joint in his right shoulder. Rehabbed the injury for a month before being activated off the Buffalo DL on August 9, making three starts before being shut down for the season with continued soreness in the joint.
- Wright had season-ending surgery on September 7 in Los Angeles to remove unhealthy tissue and part of his clavicle in the A/C joint. Began a return-to-throw program in December of 2001 in preparation for the 2002 campaign.
- Major League hitters hit .313 off him with 2 homers allowed. RHH hit .353 with 1 HR and LHH hit .281 with 1 HR. The Indians were 5-2 when he started and averaged 5.6 runs per game for him (39 RS/ 7 GS).



Wil Cordero

INFILDER/OUTFIELDER ★ 30

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Cordero spent his second full season with the Indians starting 67 games between left field, first base, and designated hitter and was a valuable pinch-hitter.
- He had a 257 at-bat homerless drought snapped on May 16 at Texas, his first of 2001 and his first since July 18, 2000 at Los Angeles while with the Pirates.
- Enjoyed his fourth career two-homer game on May 24 vs. Detroit off Victor Santos.
- Cordero was on the disabled list from June 11 to June 26. After being activated off the DL he hit .197 the rest of the season with 4 2B, 1 HR, and 8 RBI in 51 games.
- On the year, he made 67 starts - 3 in right field, 36 in left field, 10 at designated hitter, and 18 at first base.
- He appeared in 22 games at first base, 49 games in left, and 4 in right field.

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David Riske

PITCHER ★ 54



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Split the season between AAA Buffalo and Cleveland and established himself as a reliable middle reliever with the Tribe over the second half of the season.
- Riske spent most of the season at AAA Buffalo where he compiled a record of 1-2 with 15 saves and a 2.36 ERA in 38 relief appearances (53.1 IP, 45 H, 14 ER, 17 BB, 72 SO). The 15 saves ranked 5th in the International League at the time of his second recall.
- Over his last 28 appearances around his big league stint in June, he went 1-1 with 13 saves and a 1.63 ERA (38.2 IP, 28 H, 7 ER). He limited AAA hitters to a .232 average against with 2 HR. Batters hit .204 off him with RISP at Buffalo.
- He was impressive in August in the absence of Shuey, going 1-0 with a save and a 2.13 ERA in 12 appearances (12.2 IP, 9 H, 3 ER).
- Riske allowed earned runs in only 5 of his 26 appearances. He had an 8.2 IP scoreless streak from August 4-15.
- Over his last 15 outings from his first save on August 22 through the end of the year, Riske was 2-0 with a 2.89 ERA (9.1 IP, 10 H, 3 ER). Major League hitters hit just .206 off him with 3 HR allowed. LHH hit .143 and RHH hit .232. He limited batters to a .161 mark with RISP and just 1 for 15 with RISP and 2 outs. Batters were 1 for 7 with the bases loaded and hit .179 with runners on base.
- Riske was impressive in three Division Series outings vs. Seattle, working 3.2 scoreless innings while fanning five (2 H, 1 BB).

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Jerrod Riggan

PITCHER ★ 51



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Started the season with Norfolk AAA of the International League, Riggan was recalled by the Mets on April 28 and optioned back to Norfolk on April 30. He tossed 3.0 scoreless innings on April 29 at St. Louis, the longest outing of his Major League career. He allowed just one hit and one walk with three strikeouts.
- Riggan was with the Mets again for a second time on May 1-May 17 and notched a career-high and bullpen season-high five strikeouts in 2.1 scoreless innings of work on May 16 vs. San Diego.
- He hurled a career-high 5.0 scoreless innings from August 10-August 18. He also worked 2.0 scoreless and hitless innings on July 24 at Florida and on August 14 at San Diego.
- Riggan recorded his first Major League win on August 18 at Los Angeles in a 5-4 victory. He tossed 1.0 scoreless and hitless inning with one strikeout.
- Won his second game of the year on August 25 vs. San Francisco with 1.0 scoreless inning in a contest New York won 3-2 in 11 innings. Riggan notched his third win of the season with 1.1 innings of relief on September 18 at Pittsburgh in a 7-5 triumph, giving him a career-high 3-game winning streak.
- Limited Major League hitters to a .243 average against, held right-handed batters to a .216 batting average while left-handed batters hit .276 off him. Batters hit .216 off him with RISP.
- Minor League hitters hit .222 off him as he walked just 4 in 32.1 IP.

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John McDonald

INFILDER ★ 8



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- McDonald spent most of the season at AAA Buffalo while starting and ending the year in the big leagues with Cleveland.
- While with Buffalo, McDonald hit .244 with 17 doubles, 2 homers, and 33 RBI in 116 games. Also equaled his career-high with 17 steals in 27 attempts.
- McDonald was bothered by a sore left wrist for much of the season at Buffalo, but rallied to hit .309 with a HR and 9 RBI from July 30 through the end of the season before his second recall on Sept. 1.
- He hit in 10 straight games from August 17-25 after not playing from July 4-12 due to soreness in the wrist.
- He was recalled for a second time on September 1, when rosters were expanded to 40. At the big league level, McDonald appeared in nine games at shortstop (3 starts), three games at third base, and three games at second base.
- In his three starts, he was 2-for-10 (.200) with a double. He made 1 error in 28 total chances at the big league level.

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Ryan Drese

PITCHER ★ 57



2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Drese had an impressive year at three different levels, ending the year as one of the Tribe's most reliable pitchers to earn post-season roster considerations.
- He spent the first two months of the season at AA Akron, tossing a 2-hit, 7.0 inning, complete game shutout on May 22 at Reading (2 BB, 5 SO). He went 3-1 with a 1.69 ERA in four June starts (26.2 IP, 20 H, 5 ER, 8 BB, 22 SO).
- Drese went to Buffalo and won his first start vs. Louisville (5.2 IP, 7 H, 1 R/ER, 3 BB, 5 SO). He was 4-0 with a 3.06 ERA over his last eight outings at Buffalo (7 GS, 47.0 IP, 41 H, 16 ER). At AAA Buffalo, he limited left-handed hitters to a .219 average against.
- Combined on the year at AA Akron and AAA Buffalo, he was 10-8 with a 3.62 ERA in 25 games (23 GS, 146.2 IP, 124 H, 59 ER, 125 SO).
- Drese made his Major League debut in relief of Dave Burba on July 29 in Detroit, working 4.1 innings (4.1 IP, 5 H, 2 R/ER, 1 BB, 1 SO).
- Made his first Major League start on September 1 at Chicago, picking up his first win in the 4-3 victory over the White Sox (5.2 IP, 6 H, 2 R/ER, 2 BB, 2 SO).



Milton Bradley

OUTFIELDER ★ 39

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Bradley collected a career-high 4 hits and 5 RBI on May 13 at Colorado, going 4-6 with 3 RS, his only homer of the year and 5 RBI.
- He drew the bases-loaded, game-winning walk in the 15th inning on April 26 at St. Louis.
- Combined on the year between Ottawa and Buffalo he appeared in 65 games, hitting .264 with 10 doubles, 7 HR, and 28 RBI with 23 steals. The switch-hitter hit .301 off RHP and .190 off LHP and hit .298 with runners in scoring position.
- Hit in 14 straight games after joining the Bisons from August 2-15, including 4 homers and 9 RBI. Did not make an error in 29 games in the outfield with Buffalo (3 A, 60 TC).
- In 2000, Bradley split the year between AAA Ottawa and Montreal and was named the #1 prospect in the Expos system and #3 prospect in the International League by *Baseball America*.
- Made his Major League debut on July 19, 2000 vs. New York (NL), going 3 for 5 with his first hit and RBI off Glendon Rusch. He was optioned back to Ottawa on August 1 before returning to the big leagues again on August 12.

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Mike Lansing

INFILDER ★ 1

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Spent the entire season with the Boston Red Sox. Hit his first homer with Boston in the home opener on April 6 vs. Tampa Bay, but hit just .229 in April. Went 1 for 4 with a double and 3 RBI on May 25 vs. Toronto, his first 3 RBI game since August 17, 2000 vs. Texas (4 RBI).
- Recorded a season-high seven-game hitting streak from July 15-22 and hit a team-high .349 in July with 5 doubles, 3 HR, and 8 RBI in 18 games (.571 slugging percentage) after entering the month hitting .219 over the first three months of the season.
- Went 2 for 4 with 2 homers and 3 RBI on August 4 vs. Texas, the sixth multi-homer game of his career. Recorded his 250th double on August 17 vs. Baltimore. Suffered a season-ending injury with a sprain to the medial collateral ligament in his left knee sliding back into first base at New York on September 8 (did not require surgery).
- Hit .284 in the second half with 7 HR and 23 RBI after hitting .219 in the first half. Hit .271 off LHP.
- Appeared in 31 games at second base (26 GS) and 76 games at shortstop (71 GS) for Boston. Recorded a fielding percentage of .966 (10 E, 290 TC) at short and .970 at second (132 TC, 4 E).

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Karim Garcia

OUTFIELDER ★ 24

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Garcia spent most of the year at AAA Buffalo before spending the last five weeks of the season in Cleveland.
- The once prized prospect had a very productive year in Buffalo, hitting .264 with 16 doubles, 4 triples, 31 homers, and 85 RBI in 125 games. He was 2nd in the International League in home runs and 3rd in RBI.
- With Buffalo, he hit .268 off RHP with 27 HR and 70 RBI and .252 off lefties with 4 HR and 15 RBI. He hit .300 with men on base and had two 2-homer games.
- Appeared in 112 games in the outfield, six games at first base, and eight at DH.
- Garcia made his Indians debut on Sept. 2 at Chicago against the White Sox. Broke an 0-for-22 Major League hitless spell dating back to 2000 in his third at-bat, hitting his first homer since September 29, 1999 at Minnesota. Hit another home run on that day (Sept. 2 vs. CWS), his third career two-homer game and his first since Sept. 14, 1999 at Chicago (AL).
- Overall he appeared in 20 games, making 12 starts. He appeared in two games at first base – his first-ever as a Major Leaguer, 13 games in right field (6 GS) and made six starts in left field.

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Brady Anderson

OUTFIELDER ★ 9

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Made 62 starts in right field, 43 in left field, 4 in center field, and 3 as designated hitter. Each of his last 24 starts came in left field. Batted leadoff in his first 91 starts and batted 7th (16 times) or 6th (4 times) in 20 of his final 21 starts of the year.
- Batted under .200 from July 22 to September 27, when he matched his season-high with 3 hits. Anderson also had 3 hits on April 19 vs. Cleveland. He went 10-for-22 over his last 7 games to push his final average to .202.
- Batted .333 and had 14 RBI with runners in scoring position and 2 outs. Brady was hit by a pitch 8 times and ranks 13th on the all-time list with 152 career HBPs (3rd among active players), one behind Fred Clarke.
- Hit a leadoff home run on April 30 vs. Tampa Bay. It was the 44th leadoff homer of his career, he ranks second all-time behind Rickey Henderson's 79.
- Stole his 300th career base on April 16 vs. Tampa Bay and 300th as an Oriole on May 29. Anderson finished the season with 311 stolen bases and a club-record 307 steals.
- Grounded into three double plays in 430 at-bats. He is the active leader and ranks 8th all-time for most AB/GIDP (106.9), with 60 career GIDP in 6,419 AB.

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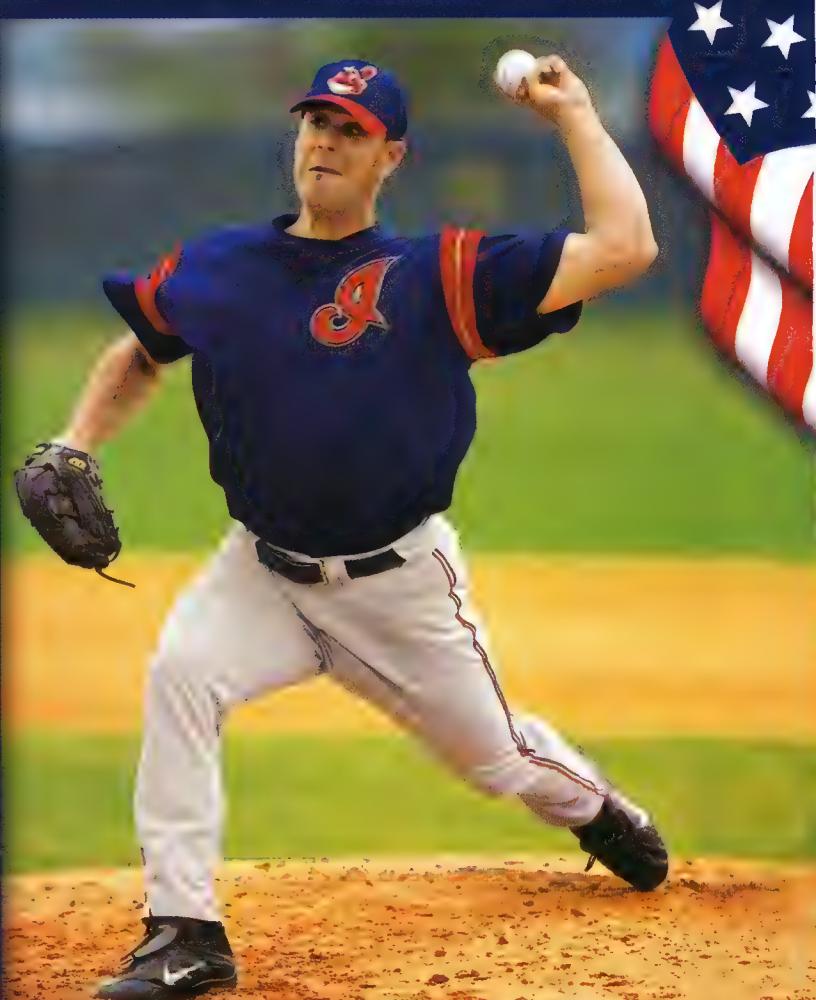
Scott Radinsky

PITCHER ★ 36

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Radinsky split the season between AA Akron and AAA Buffalo and ended the year in Cleveland as he worked his way back from left elbow surgery ("Tommy John") in June of 2000.
- Began the year rehabbing his arm in Winter Haven, FL before joining the AA Akron Aeros on June 4. He appeared in 23 games at Akron, going 2-2 with 3 saves and a 3.47 ERA (23.1 IP, 30 H, 9 ER, 19 SO) before being promoted to AAA Buffalo on July 26.
- While with Buffalo, Radinsky compiled a mark of 0-1 (1 save) with a 4.11 ERA in 16 appearances (15.1 IP, 13 H, 7 ER, 7 SO). On the year left-handed Minor League hitters hit .235 off him with no homers allowed.
- He was promoted from AAA Buffalo on Sept. 1 when the rosters expanded and appeared in two games for Cleveland on Sept. 2 at Chicago (1.1 IP, 4 H, 6 R/ER, 2 HR) and on October 5 at Toronto (0.2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 0 SO).

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Alex Escobar

OUTFIELDER ★ 46

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Escobar went 1-4 with a RBI single on May 8 at Colorado in his first Major League start. He collected his first big league hit, a single, in the sixth inning off Pedro Astacio.
- He enjoyed his first multiple-home run game of his career, October 5 vs. Montreal (Thurman and Mota). Also had a career-high 4 RBI in the contest.
- Escobar had a career-high 2 hits on three occasions: May 10 at Colorado, June 21 vs. Montreal, and October 5 vs. the Expos.
- For the Mets, he made 13 starts in the outfield, seven in center field, and six in right.
- Escobar was selected to play in Major League Baseball's Annual Future's Game during the All-Star Weekend Festivities at Safeco Field in Seattle.
- Hit in nine straight games from June 17 to June 30 with Norfolk, hitting 2 homers and driving in 9 runs over the span and went 5 for 5 in his final regular-season game at Richmond with a run scored and 5 RBI.
- Hit .441 over his final 11 games on the year with 2 HR and 12 RBI before hitting .333 in the International League playoffs with a double, HR, and RBI in 5 games.
- Compiled a fielding percentage of .980 (5 E, 253 TC, 8 A) for Norfolk. Hit .269 with 6 HR and 24 RBI off LHP and .266 off RHP with 6HR and 28 RBI. Hit .293 with men on base.

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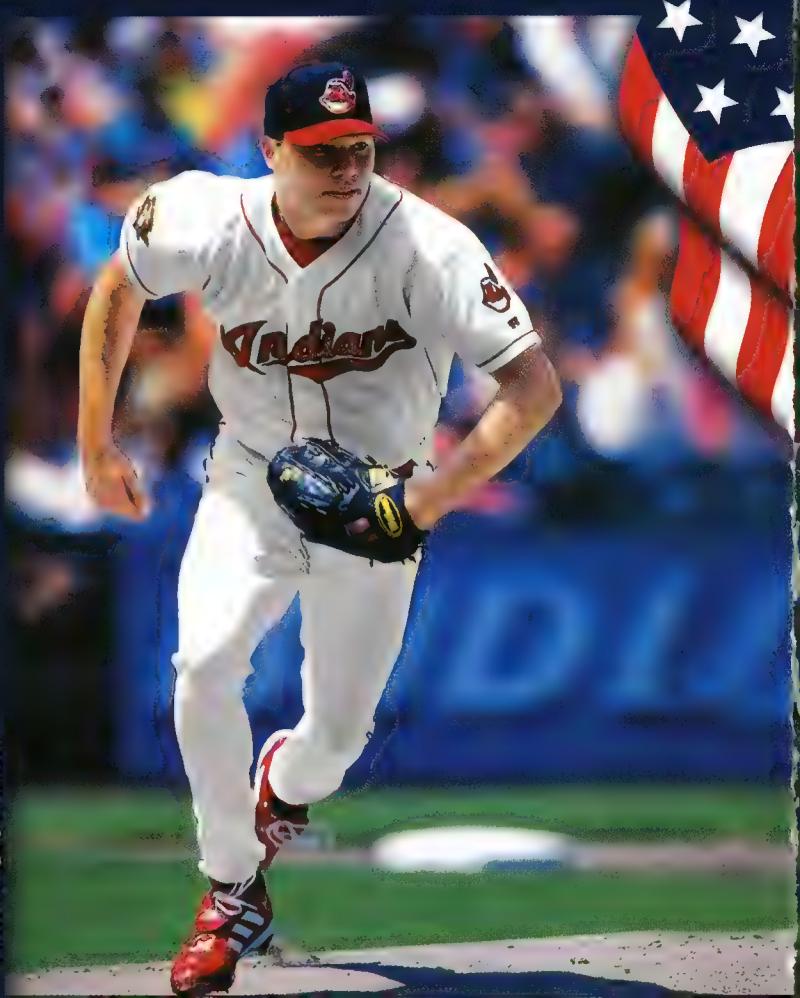
Jake Westbrook

PITCHER ★ 37

2001 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Spent his first season in the Indians organization after spending the 2000 season in the Yankees organization between AAA Columbus, New York, and the disabled list.
- Westbrook began the year at Buffalo and made Major League stints from April 10-22, May 29 to June 1, June 2-5, June 15-July 31, and from August 24 through the remainder of the season.
- Made his Indians debut on April 11 at Chicago(AL), working 3.1 inning in relief of Chuck Finley after Steve Woodard went on the DL earlier in the day. His first 10 appearances in the big leagues came in relief, compiling a mark of 1-0 with a 2.75 ERA over his first 10 outings through June 29 (19.2 IP, 21 H, 6 R/ER, 5 BB, 14 SO).
- Picked up his first Major League win in the Tribe's 4-2 win over the Minnesota Twins on June 20, working a scoreless fifth inning in relief of Chuck Finley. Worked a season/career-high 4.1 innings of relief and a relief career-high 6 strikeouts on June 4 at Minnesota.
- Made his first start of the season and first start with the Indians on July 3 vs. Boston, picking up his first career win as a starter in the Tribe's 9-1 win (6.0 IP, 5 H, 1 R/ER, 2 BB, 4 K).
- In relief he was 2-1 with a 4.75 ERA in 17 outings (36.0 IP, 41 H, 19 ER, 26 SO) as he was 2-3 with a 7.22 ERA (28.2 IP, 38 H, 23 ER) in a starting role. Batters hit .333 off him with RISP. His best month was June, going 1-0 with a 1.23 ERA in 10 relief outings (14.2 IP, 13 H, 2 ER, 12 SO).
- Despite spending 107 days in Cleveland he compiled a record of 8-1 with a 3.20 ERA in 12 starts at Buffalo (64.2 IP, 60 H, 23 ER, 23 BB, 45 SO), limiting AAA hitters to a .249 average with just 2 homers allowed.

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★ Team Mascot ★



CAREER STATISTICS

Age: 11

Born: July 29, 1990

Bats: 10th

Throws: Popcorn and Peanuts

Height: Tallest in the Majors

Weight: A ton of fun!

	Hot dogs slung	Hot dogs misfired	Longest distance	Ligaments torn
2001	350	23	430 ft.	0
Career	4,888	93	458 ft.	5

Q: Why?

A: You want to know how the decisions you are making impact the people in that clubhouse. I can only guess. Tim Belcher knows. He's been in clubhouses for 16 years. I also want to use his contacts. If we want to do a check on another player's makeup, Tim can call someone who lockered next to the guy, where I've got to guess and observe. I want to do better than guess and observe. Plus he's extremely intelligent and has a ton of promise as a future front office guy in this game. This gives him the chance to get some experience to see how a front office is run, so it's a good trade-off from his point of view.

Q: What does (Assistant General Manager) John Mirabelli bring?

A: He was a college player and coach, an area scout, cross checker, supervisor, and has shown immediate expertise in running a scouting system and having outstanding drafts. He's a great amateur evaluator, and now in the international scouting front as well.

Q: (Assistant General Manager) Chris Antonetti?

A: Chris brings a financial and

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Assistant GM Neal Huntington with Shapiro

baseball. He's a guy who's always thinking about ways to make this organization better.

Q: (Director of Player Development) John Farrell?

A: John always impressed me with his natural leadership. He has a tremendous presence about him. He has the experience of having been a high draft pick who made it to the Major Leagues, had success and failure, then battled back. For me he has such a dynamic personality that it makes him a perfect farm director.

Q: Having not been a professional baseball player yourself, did you feel the need to surround yourself with some people who do have that kind experience?

information systems acumen that's beyond my own, a tremendous passion for the game, and desire to help us be better at what we do.

Q: (Assistant General Manager) Neal Huntington?

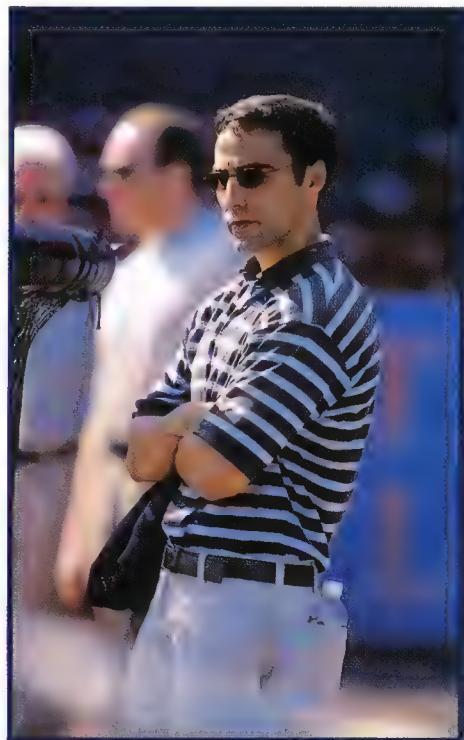
A: He brings skills that are very similar to mine. He is an extremely prepared, disciplined, driven, and passionate person about

A: Yes. I wanted guys who knew what it felt like to be in uniform.

Q: So all these guys you've assembled, each have a particular area of expertise that they help you with?

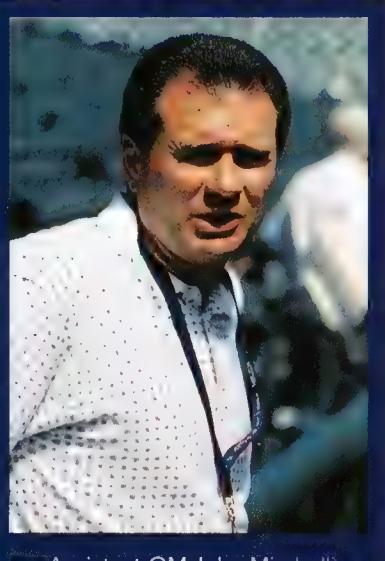
A: Absolutely. Each of their roles are very defined. How they can contribute. But they are also empowered to contribute outside their roles. We've created an environment here where there are no walls. John Mirabelli is free to walk into the player development department and say, "I've got this idea. . ." Chris can walk into Charlie

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Assistant GM Chris Antonetti

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Assistant GM John Mirabelli

all 30 Major League teams.

Mirabelli came to the Indians after working for 10 years as a scout in the Detroit organization, where he was instrumental in the signing of, among others, Tiger pitchers Jeff Weaver and Matt Anderson.

Mirabelli, 41, has been promoted to Assistant General Manager, but will continue to run all phases of the Tribe's scouting operations. He is in his third year with the organization, and his first two drafts for the Indians have drawn high marks throughout the industry.

Mirabelli directs all phases of the Indians' amateur and professional scouting, coordinating the Tribe's 17 area scouts, and four regional supervisors scattered throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

He also is in charge of the scouting of all the Major and Minor League players on

Mirabelli played collegiately at North Carolina State University, where he also worked as a pitching coach from 1985-90.

Antonetti, 27, is Shapiro's numbers cruncher. It is Antonetti's responsibility to keep abreast of all the financial and economic issues and trends within baseball, including the charting of payrolls and contracts of all Major League players and teams.

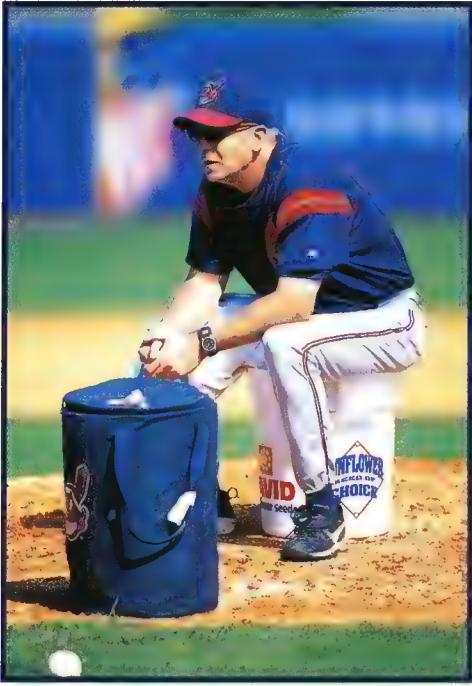
Antonetti oversees the Indians' information systems within the Baseball Operations Department, and is heavily involved in all aspects of salary arbitration, as well as helping in the negotiation of player contracts.

Antonetti has a masters degree in sport management from the University of Massachusetts, and worked for three years in player development for the Montreal Expos before joining the Indians four years ago.

Farrell is a familiar name to Indians fans. The former Tribe pitcher spent five years in a Cleveland uniform, from 1987-90 and again in 1995. A second-round pick by the Tribe in the early 1980s, Farrell achieved notoriety in 1987 when as a rookie he held Brewers star Paul Molitor hitless, snapping Molitor's 39-game hitting streak.

Following his playing career, Farrell spent five years as a pitching coach at his Alma Mater, Oklahoma State University. He was hired as the Indians' director of player development last year.

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Director, Player Personnel Steve Lubratic

Manuel's office and ask him about something. There are no barriers. I think it's very rare to have so many people like this that the guards don't immediately go up when somebody asks them something about what they are doing. We create a very open environment where they are empowered and encouraged to impact their areas in any ways they can, but we are also a very tight group.

Q: So when you have to make a decision, everyone gets called in and you go around the room and get all the opinions and make the decision?

A: You do want to get all the variables that go into making the decision. Primarily you've got financial variables. But you've also got medical variables, you've got projection of a player's skills, how good can he be? And you've got the typical evaluations, which is his past. How good of a player has he been? So you've got all those variables. And everyone in that room will contribute in their area. I may, in the end, ask each of them their overall opinion. But what I want is for them to be prepared, in their area of expertise, to provide that piece of the puzzle. Ultimately the decision comes down to me, but if you collect all the information systematically and efficiently, the decision becomes easier. Not easy, but easier.

Q: Making decisions is the essence of your job, is it not?

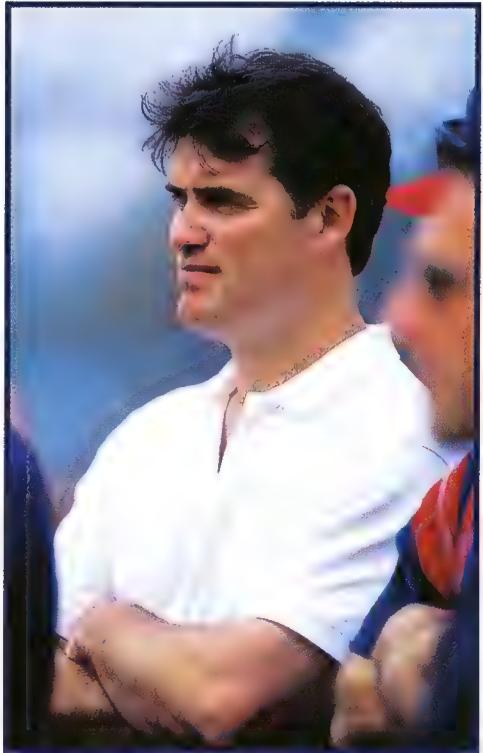
A: Yes. You're a decision maker. But you're also the leader of an organization. That's probably the least interesting thing to people on the outside, but the most interesting thing to me. Because in the end, you are a decision maker, and the quality of your decisions determines how well and how long you do your job.

Q: Communicating the plan is also a big part of the General Manager's job as well, right?

A: That's probably one-third of the job. Communicating what it is you're trying to do.

Q: Is that sort of communication something that has come easy to you or have you had to work at it?

A: I'm probably not as charismatic as some other people who have done it. I try to play to my own strength, I use my mind and go with what I think and feel, and not what I think people want to hear. I feel like the only communication style that has longevity is sincerity and honesty. So I approach communication with sincerity and honesty. And I hope that will give me the ability to communicate with credibility over the long term.



Director, Player Development John Farrell

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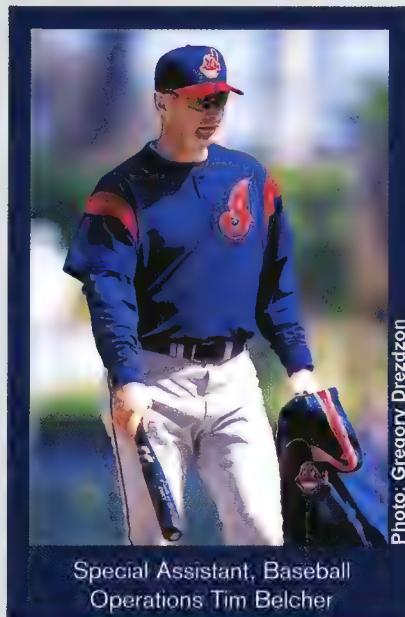
Farrell is responsible for all elements of the Indians' Minor League system, including the Tribe's six Minor League teams, and development programs in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic.

Lubratic, 46, is in his first year with the Indians, but his 25th year in professional baseball. He has served in a variety of capacities while working in the Angels', Padres', and Tigers' organizations. For the last six seasons he was an Assistant General Manager in Detroit.

As Director of Player Personnel for the Indians, Lubratic is involved in all aspects of the club's personnel decisions at both the Minor and Major League levels, as well as the June Free Agent Draft.

Tim Belcher, 40, is the Special Assistant to Baseball Operations, following a 14-year Major League career as a pitcher with seven different teams. Belcher was in uniform during Spring Training as an instructor, and during the season he will assist Shapiro in all personnel decisions, player evaluations, and amateur and professional scouting.

Kuehl is the most experienced of all the members of the front office. He has been in professional baseball since 1955, working as a player, coach, manager, scout, and front office executive.



Special Assistant, Baseball Operations Tim Belcher

He was the Director of Player Development with the Oakland A's from 1984-91, when the A's were perhaps the best organization in baseball for developing talent, winning three consecutive pennants from 1988-90.

Kuehl is also a former Major League manager with Montreal. He will serve as a special advisor to the Baseball Operations department, serving as an advisor and mentor to all of the younger members of the front office.

The members of Shapiro's front office offer a wide variety of experiences and expertise. All of them bring unique talents to the organization.

"There's a very strong sense of attachment to what we're doing here," said Huntington. "We all look at this as we're going to do whatever we can to put the best systems we can in place to make this team better."



Q: Does it sometimes get frustrating that maybe the perception of what the organization is trying to do is not what you'd like it to be?

A: It's frustrating trying to explain it in 30-second sound bytes and one three-line answer what's going on. I try to find some analogies or catch phrases that will reach everyone. But ultimately I know everyone just wants to see it played out. So I'll explain it as we do it, knowing we'll be ultimately judged by the final results.

Q: But there is also the possibility that by mid-season you might have to just say, "Here's what we tried to do, but here's what happened."

A: Look, I know what we're trying to do and that it may not work, and that we may have to react. We're trying to avoid something that might be inevitable, but I think we can avoid it. The division we're in also factors into that. We may have done some things differently in the AL East than we are doing in the AL Central.

Q: How do you see the AL Central?

A: There are three teams who have a great chance to win the division. We're the most balanced team. The Twins have a better rotation than us, but I like our lineup and our bullpen better than theirs. The White Sox have a much better lineup than us, but I like our rotation and our bullpen a lot better than theirs.

Q: In six of the last seven years the Indians have won the division, and won it handily. This year to win it, you are going to have to really win it, probably in a close race. Is that an exciting thought, or would you prefer it the other way?

A: I wish it was boring again (laughs). I think what will happen is, if we win, there will be a greater appreciation for how we accomplished it. We're taking a risk, and anytime you take a risk the satisfaction is that much greater.

Q: This franchise is at a point it hasn't been at for seven or eight years. That has to be a challenge for you.

A: The tough part is that people's expectations have been raised to a level that they don't understand, or don't want to understand, that everything has to go through a transition at some point. They just want you to keep winning. Obviously

objects. They are not pieces of paper. No matter how good you are at setting up a system, no matter how hard you work, there is still the unpredictability of human beings. It's the biggest difference, the biggest challenge, and the greatest fulfillment. When you accomplish something with human beings it's an incredible feeling because you are betting on a person. To see that person succeed, knowing how much you care about that person and respect him, I can't express how good that feels. But the frustration of an injury, something you can't control, sidetracking your season, that's tough.

Q: That's a hot seat you're sitting in. If things don't turn out the way you'd like, are you prepared for the criticism?

A: I'm prepared to deal with that from the standpoint of, no matter how much they (critics) want to do it, they can't define me by my job. I've got a greater meaning and purpose to my life, and my wife and my future child, and my role as a friend and a leader of people – that's how I judge myself as a man. I don't judge myself as a man by how many games the Indians win. I judge myself as a man by the strength of human relationships I have.

And I think those relationships, and my passion and commitment, will lead us to be successful.

If there are things out of my control that lead to criticism, that criticism can only touch me to a certain level of my skin – it can't pierce it.

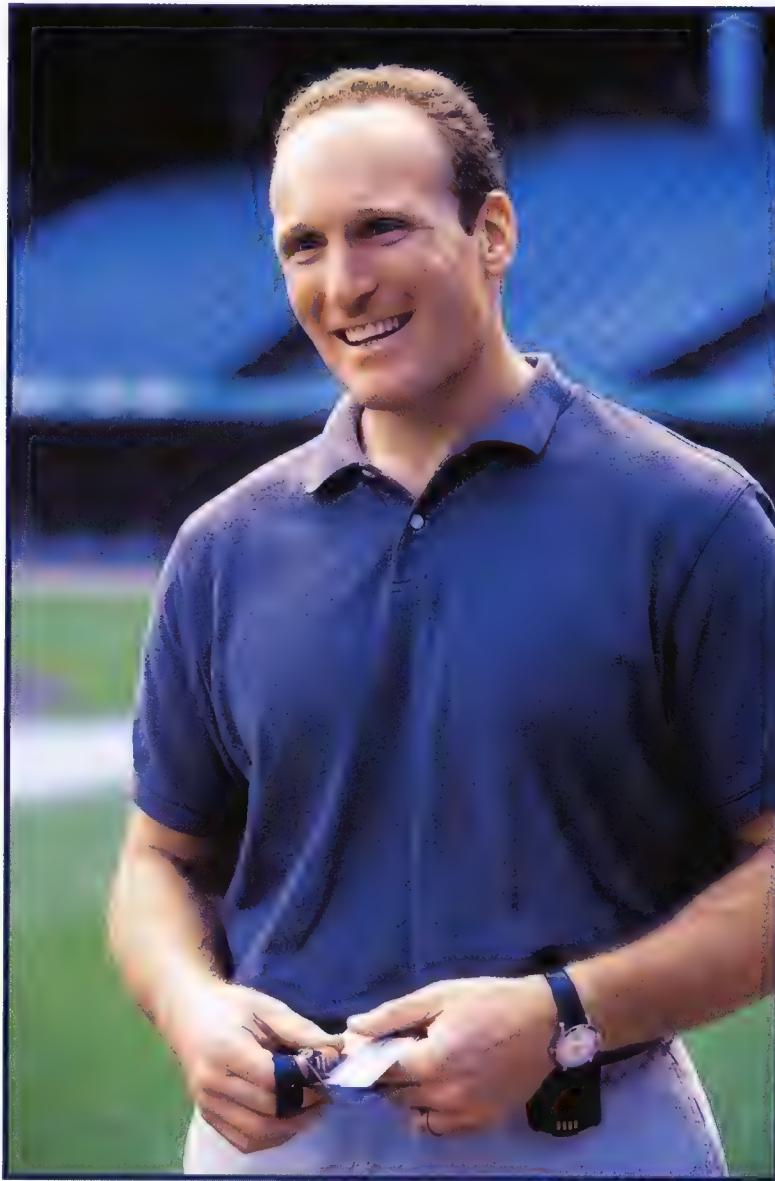


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that limits my upside in what I can accomplish from a perception standpoint with the public. But, again, what I've tried to do is concentrate on the fact that if we go through the process in our front office in an efficient way, the results will be what we want them to be.

Q: What's the difference between someone who is a CEO of a corporation and a General Manager of a baseball team?

A: The biggest difference is that our assets are human. They're not inanimate



Quiet Quality

Over the last 12 years Charles Nagy was never the most colorful or controversial Indians pitcher — but he was the most productive.

By Jim Ingraham

Photo: Gregory Drezdzon



Charles Nagy has been with the Indians for so long that his first manager in the big leagues was John McNamara.

"He called me 'Steve' all year long," said Nagy. "I'm not sure why."

The year was 1990.

People know Nagy's name now. Especially his managers.

He's been around, it seems, forever.

He has appeared in 294 games in his career — all of them in a Cleveland uniform.

It's a toss-up which is more impressive: that Nagy is entering his 12th year in the Major Leagues, or that all 12 of them have been with the same team.

In this era of the gypsy ballplayer, to play an entire career with one team is almost unheard of. Actually it's rare in any era. Only eight players in Indians history have played 10 or more consecutive seasons with the Indians and never played for another Major League team.

In the last 44 years, only two players have done it: Nagy and Jim Thome. The other six who were Indians and only Indians during their 10-plus years in the Majors are Guy Morton, Bob Feller, Jack Graney, Mel Harder, Bob Lemon, and Al Rosen.

For example, although he is not thought of as a strikeout pitcher, Nagy ranks fifth on the club's all-time list for strikeouts with 1,213. Only four pitchers are ahead of him: Bob Feller (2,581), Sam McDowell (2,159), Bob Lemon, and Early Wynn (1,277 each), and three of them (Feller, Lemon, and Wynn) are in the Hall of Fame.

Nagy ranks eighth on the Indians' all-time list for games started (290), 10th in victories (128), and 10th in winning percentage (.569).

In the six-year period from 1994-99, Nagy won more games than Roger Clemens (90-84). The only pitchers who won more games than Nagy in that span were Greg Maddux, Mike Mussina, Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson, and Tom Glavine.

See?

Through most of his career, Nagy has been a better pitcher than most baseball fans realize.

But he doesn't have a colorful nickname, he doesn't sound off with outrageous quotes, he's never pitched a no-hitter, or struck out more than 12 batters in a game, so very few have noticed what he's achieved.

Heck, he's never even changed teams. Never been traded. Never been a free-agent.

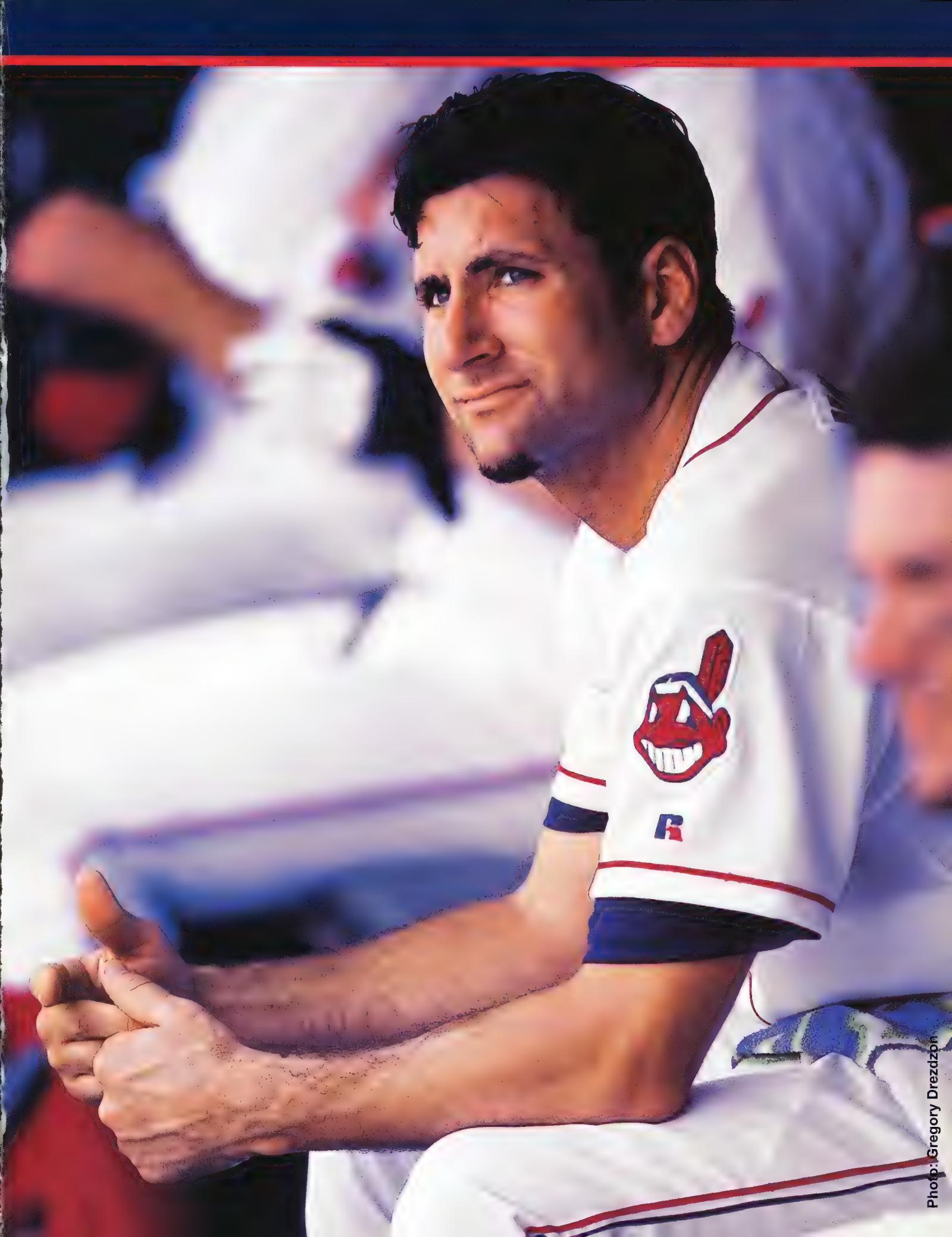


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Nagy signed as Cleveland's number one pick in 1988.

He's so boring, it's refreshing.

"Charlie is just a solid pro," said General Manager Mark Shapiro. "All he cares about is what's best for the Cleveland Indians."

It's a career that stretches back to June 29, 1990, when "Steve," er, Charles Nagy made his Major League debut.

This was pre-Jacobs Field. The Indians in 1990 won just 77 games, and the following year they would lose a franchise-record 105 games.

It was not a pretty sight.

"We had a lot of young players who were just trying to establish themselves in the Major Leagues," said Nagy. "I think a lot of us were just in awe over being in the big leagues. I know I was. When I first came up I found myself pitching against guys I idolized."

And Nagy was not just some chump off the sandlot. He was a two-time Big East Pitcher of the Year while pitching for the University of Connecticut. He

had the lowest ERA of any pitcher on the 1988 Gold Medal-winning U.S. Olympic Team, and he was a first round pick – the 17th player taken overall – by the Indians in the 1988 June Amateur Draft.

Nagy shot through the Tribe's Minor League system in just a year and a half, making the jump from Double-A to the big leagues in 1990.

He was a member of a core group of young, talented players who started filtering up to the Tribe's big-league club starting in the early 1990s.

In addition to Nagy, that group included Albert Belle, Carlos Baerga, and two players acquired in trades, Sandy Alomar and Kenny Lofton.

That group would become the nucleus around which the Indians would build what became, by the mid 1990s, an American League powerhouse, and one of the elite teams in the Major Leagues.

"I don't think we really could tell that anything special was going on when we all first got there," said Nagy. "We were a bunch of young guys who were new to

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the league, but by the end of the 1992 season, players on other teams started noticing. And they started mentioning it to us. They'd say, 'You guys are only one or two players away from having a really good team'."

There was still a ways to go, however.

"We were still playing in the Old Stadium then, so it was hard to get any free agents interested in coming to Cleveland," said Nagy. "But then when the new ballpark was being built, things changed. After the 1993 season, players would come up to me in the off-season and ask about what it was like to play in Cleveland. That's when we started to get the feeling that there was something special in what we were doing."

It was then – after the 1993 season – that the Indians signed their first two big free agents: Eddie Murray and Dennis Martinez.

The corner had been turned.

Those signings signaled that the Indians, playing in brand new Jacobs Field, which would open in 1994, were ready to blossom into a contender, the

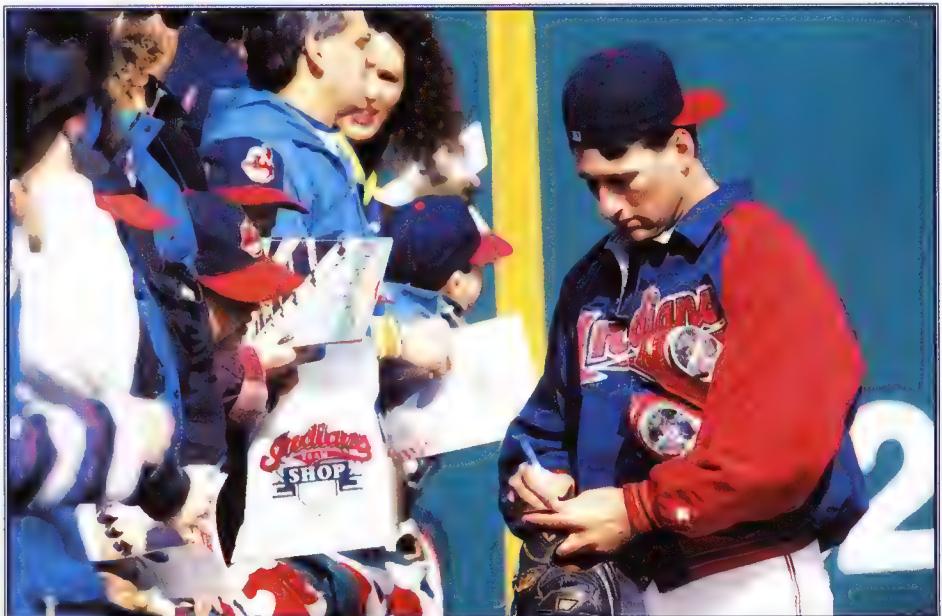


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first Indians team to be a serious contender in over 30 years.

Nagy won 10 games for the 105-loss Indians in 1991. In 1992 he went 17-10 and was selected to the American League All-Star team for the first of three times in the 1990s.

Shoulder surgery ruined his 1993 season, but he bounced back to win 10 games in 1994, and then he was 16-6 for the monstrous 1995 Indians, who steamrolled everyone that season, going 100-44 and winning the Central Division by a record 30 games.

"That was an incredible year," said Nagy. "Albert (Belle) had an unbelievable year. So did Kenny and Carlos. By then Manny (Ramirez) and Jimmy (Thome) were up with us, it just seemed like everyone fed off of each other."

That Indians team had a swagger when it took the field. It wasn't a question of whether they would win that day's game, it was only a matter of by how much.

"I think other teams were intimidated by our team," said Nagy. "You saw it in the other players' faces. Their pitchers didn't want to face our lineup. They were scared, and rightly so. I would have been scared, too. I wouldn't want to face that lineup."

Nagy was 16-6 that year, tying Orel Hershiser for the team-lead in wins. He finished sixth in the Cy Young Award voting.

In the post season, Nagy was the win-

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Tribe GM Mark Shapiro with Nagy at Spring Training '02

ning pitcher in the Indians' 8-2 victory over Boston in Game Three of the Division Series, completing a three-game sweep of the Red Sox.

The Indians, behind Dennis Martinez, then won the pennant with a thrilling 4-0 win over Randy Johnson and the Mariners in Game Six of the American League Championship Series, winning that series four-games-to-two.

"I was a nervous wreck watching that sixth game," Nagy said. "Because if we

had lost, I would have had to pitch the seventh game, and I had never won a game in Seattle. It just seemed like whenever I pitched in Seattle I never made it out of the fourth inning."

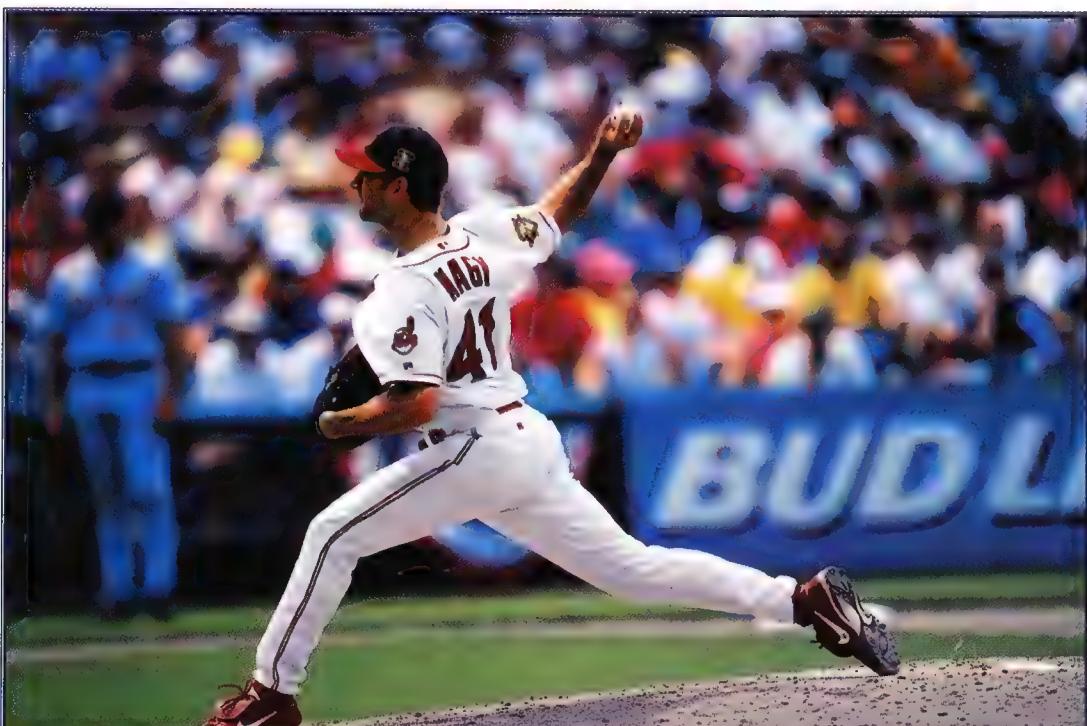
Nagy never had to pitch that seventh game, because when Jose Mesa got the final out of Game Six, the Indians had won their first American League pennant in 41 years.

"It was great for me and the players who had been there when we were los-

ing all those games," said Nagy. "But I felt even happier for the people in the organization who had been around even longer than we had. I just remember a lot of people had tears in their eyes that night. And the city of Cleveland was so happy. I remember we got back to Cleveland at six o'clock the next morning, and there were all those people at the airport. It was incredible."

The Indians then lost the World Series in Six games to the Braves.

"That was a huge disappointment, but we just ran into some tough pitching," said Nagy. "Nobody overpowered anyone. We lost it on a 1-0 game in Game Six."



At that point Nagy was in the middle of the most productive part of his career.

In 1996 he went 17-5 and became the first Indians pitcher in 22 years to be named the starter for the American League in the All-Star Game. He started that season 11-1, and for the season he was 8-0 when he pitched after a Tribe loss. He was fourth in the Cy Young Award voting that year.

"That was just a great year for me," he said. "The All-Star start came down to a choice between me and Andy Pettitte. Grover (Mike Hargrove) was the All-Star manager, and he chose me. I guess it helps when your manager is also the All-Star Game manager."

In 1997 Nagy was 15-11 and was the starting pitcher in one of the most memorable games in Indians history — a 1-0 victory over the Orioles in 11 innings in Game Six of the American League Championship Series.

The victory gave the Indians their second American League pennant in three years.

Nagy pitched 7 1/3 shutout innings in that game, then sat in the clubhouse and watched the excruciating drama on the television.

The game was decided when Tribe second baseman Tony Fernandez hit a home run over the right field wall at Camden Yards off Armando Benitez in the top of the 11th inning. The homer was one of only three hits the Indians had in the game.

"I remember sitting in the clubhouse watching the TV when Tony came up," said Nagy. "I said to somebody, 'Nobody has hit a ball to right field all night.' The wind was blowing out that way, and everyone was keeping the ball away from the lefthanders. As soon as I said

that, Tony turned on one and just got it over the wall in right."

Nagy's euphoria that night turned to deep depression about 10 days later when the Tribe got within two outs of winning its first World Series in 49 years, only to see the Florida Marlins tie Game

ninth, everyone was just so mentally tired, it was tough going on."

Nagy was eligible to become a free-agent after the 1998 season, but he made no bones about the fact that he didn't want to leave Cleveland, and was relieved when he signed a four-year contract extension to remain with the Indians.

That contract runs through the 2002 season, which would give Nagy 12 years in Cleveland.

"The longevity means a lot to me because the injury factor is such a big one, especially for a pitcher," he said. "As a position player, you can blow out your knee and even if you miss a year you can come back the next year and play. But if a pitcher hurts his arm, he can't pitch.

You can be the best fielding pitcher in the world, but it doesn't matter, because they don't always hit the ball back to you."

As the senior member of the Indians in terms of consecutive years of service, Nagy says he still enjoys the game, the life,

"You make a lot of friends in this game, and when I'm done playing, that's the part I'll miss the most."

— Chuck Nagy



Teammate Travis Fryman with Nagy in the dugout last season

Seven at 2-2 in the bottom of the ninth, and then win it 3-2, on a two-out RBI single by Edgar Renteria in the bottom of the 11th inning off Tribe reliever — Charles Nagy.

"I'd just about been able to finally put that night out of my mind, but then they'd keep showing that game on TV," Nagy said. "That one was really tough. We're sitting in the dugout in the ninth inning and you go from putting your glove into the bag and figuring who you are going to jump on when you run out onto the field, to all of a sudden it's tied, and now we've got to play more baseball. I think once they caught us in the

friendships.

"I enjoy the competitiveness of the game, being around the guys every day. I enjoy everything about the game," he said. "The thing I like the most, though, is probably the camaraderie. Being on a baseball team is like being in a fraternity. You are together every day for six months. You can sign up at a gym and get a locker, but it's not the same. You make a lot of friends in this game, and when I'm done playing, that's the part I'll miss the most."



CLEVELAND INDIANS CHARITIES



Cleveland Indians Charities (CIC), the charitable arm of the Cleveland Indians, was established in 1989 to make a positive contribution to the quality of life for Northeast Ohio youth by providing educational and recreational opportunities. It is the intent of CIC's staff that the contributions made to partner organizations will energize thousands of kids to face today's challenges with courage and responsibility.

Putting the “Fun” in “Fund-Raiser”

Events Support Youth Recreation and Education Programs

Since 1989, CIC has donated \$3.875 million to youth-oriented agencies and organizations of Northeast Ohio. CIC has established relationships with several local organizations that focus on youth education and youth recreation. The following organizations benefit from a continued partnership with CIC:

- ★ Cleveland Municipal School District's baseball and softball programs
- ★ Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland
- ★ Cleveland Baseball Federation
- ★ The United Black Fund Larry Doby Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities Program
- ★ City of Cleveland Division of Recreation Rookie League Program
- ★ Cleveland State University minority athletic scholarship
- ★ North American Indian Cultural Center



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The Cleveland Indians ownership, staff, and players (Ellis Burks pictured at left) actively support local youth by contributing to a variety of local education and recreation programs.
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Challenge, and numerous other special events throughout the season. In addition, a significant major portion of the total was raised through the generosity of Cleveland Indians players, coaches, front office, and corporate partners.

Based on fund-raising activities, CIC made the following donations to area charities in 2001. For the seventh straight year, CIC donated \$100,000 to the Cleveland Municipal School District's Athletic Department. The \$100,000 donation will help defray the cost of its high school baseball and softball programs. CIC also made significant donations to the following organizations in 2001: the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (\$100,000); the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland (\$60,000) for the operation of the Larry Doby RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) Program; the Cleveland Baseball Federation (\$50,000); and the City of Cleveland Division of Recreation (\$45,000) for operation of the Rookie League Youth Baseball Program and a girls softball program.

The Cleveland Indians organization and its players have a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on the youth of Northeast Ohio. It is an opportunity and responsibility we embrace.

If you would like information on any of the programs offered through Cleveland Indians Charities, please call 216.420.4400.

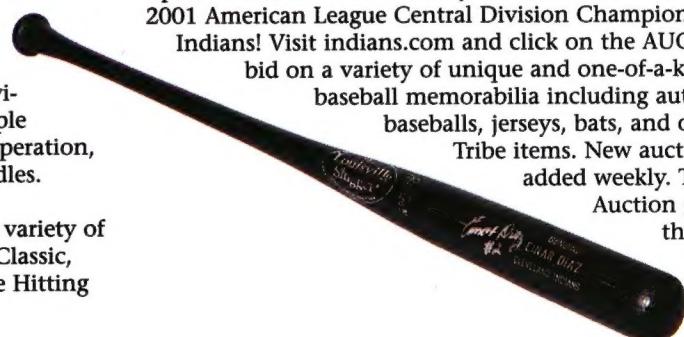
The relationships CIC maintains with these Northeast Ohio youth-service agencies provide the opportunity to jointly create, design, and execute programs and activities. The result is programming which helps young people develop necessary life skills, learn responsibility and cooperation, and develop courage and confidence to face today's hurdles.

The monies donated by CIC have been raised through a variety of activities, including the Online Auction, Celebrity Golf Classic, First Pitch Luncheon, Jacobs Field Tours, Pepsi Corporate Hitting

2002 CIC EVENTS

ONLINE AUCTION

April-December – Don't miss your chance to own a piece of the 2001 American League Central Division Champion Cleveland Indians! Visit indians.com and click on the AUCTION LINK to bid on a variety of unique and one-of-a-kind Indians and baseball memorabilia including autographed baseballs, jerseys, bats, and other collectible Tribe items. New auction items are added weekly. The 2001 Online Auction generated more than \$42,000 for CIC.



CLEVELAND INDIANS CHARITIES

JACOBS FIELD TOURS

Experience the excitement of Cleveland's crown jewel with a behind-the-scenes tour of one of baseball's greatest ballparks. Tours are available May through September, Monday through Saturday, plus Sundays in June, July and August when the team is on the road. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for youths 14 and under and senior citizens. A group rate and time are also available. Tickets are available at the Jacobs Field Box Office, all Indians Team Shops, through indians.com, by phone at 1-866-48-TRIBE, and by automated kiosk at all northern Ohio OfficeMax stores. The tour includes a visit to: the Bullpen, Club Lounge, Press Box, Dugout, Party Suite, and Batting Cages. On select dates, the tour will also make a stop in the Visitor's Clubhouse. (tour route subject to change).

With support from OfficeMax, a special school tour program is also available in April, May, and September.

Teachers will receive Team Teacher, a specially created booklet of baseball related activities and curriculum, and an Indians Media Guide for use in their classroom. All tour guests will receive a special commemorative gift. Call 216.420.4385 for more information on public, group, or school tours.

OfficeMax**FIRST PITCH LUNCHEON**

The 2002 season opened with a welcome home luncheon held on April 9 at the Cleveland Convention Center. The entire Indians roster of players and coaches was on hand to help fans celebrate the start of another exciting season of Tribe baseball.

**SHIRT OFF HIS BACK**

Own your favorite Indians player's jersey - right off his back! During one game each homestand, Tribe fans can purchase raffle tickets to win an autographed, game-worn jersey from an Indians player or coach. Winners will be escorted to the field after the game to receive the jersey from the player. Raffle tickets will be sold at various locations around Jacobs Field. Cost is \$5.00 for two raffle tickets. Call 216.420.4400 for specific players and game date information.

PEPSI CORPORATE HITTING CHALLENGE

Assemble your power-hitting team and prepare to swing for the fences in the 7th annual corporate event. This single elimination tournament pits Cleveland area businesses against each other. The first round begins in May and winds up in September. All rounds are held at Jacobs Field, with warm-ups in the batting cages. Call 216.420.4389 for a brochure or to register your team of nine players.

**GARAGE SALE**

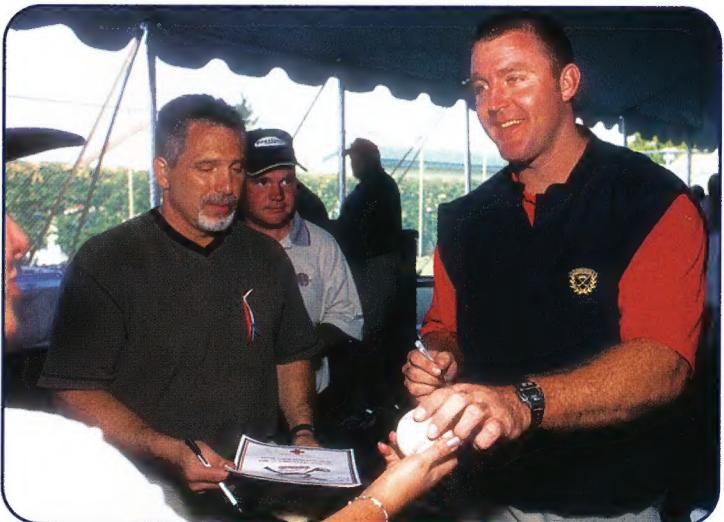
Saturday, June 29 - This summer, don't miss the best garage sale on the block! Cleveland Indians Charities will hold its first-ever Garage Sale on Gateway Plaza, between Jacobs Field and Gund



Arena! The event will feature game-worn jerseys, caps, and batting helmets; used bats; street pole banners; ballpark signage and other Indians items you won't find anywhere else. Don't miss this baseball collector's dream sale!

CELEBRITY GOLF OUTING

Thursday, July 25 - Hit the links with your favorite Tribe players for the 11th annual Celebrity Golf Classic at Quail Hollow Resort and Country Club. Teams will be paired with Indians players, coaches, broadcasters, and local celebrities. Call 216.420.4400 for a brochure or to register.



Tribe infielder Jim Thome signs autographs at the Celebrity Golf Outing

Photo: Gregory Drezdzon



Saturday, August 24 - The celebrity rock concert of the summer is back again! Enjoy a night filled with music and surprises as several Tribesmen perform with well-known rock-n-roll stars! The fourth annual event is fun for music and baseball fans of all ages. Call 216.420.4400 for the complete lineup of stars and ticket prices.

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Omar Vizquel, Jim Thome, and Jolbert Cabrera rock off the field and on!

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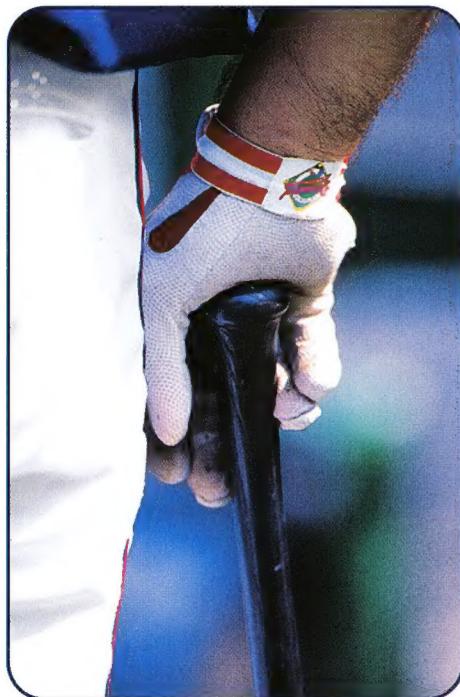


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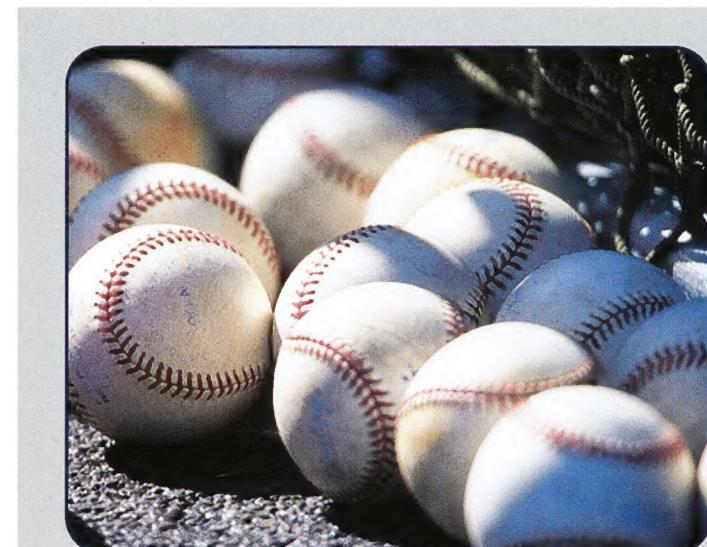


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